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Diversity Discussed at Textron Forum

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SPECIAL TO THE COWL

"Winning On All Fronts" was the rallying cry of this year's Fourth Annual Textron Business Forum on Women and Minorities, held last Thursday, November 6th, here at PC. Educators, executives and business owners from across Southern New England gathered to discuss and explore the challenges facing women and minorities at work, and offer possible solutions to increase diversity in the workplace.

Textron, Inc., based in Providence, is a multi-industry company supporting businesses in aircraft, automotive, industry and finance. In addition to the forum, the company also offers eight diversity scholarships to women and minority individuals throughout the southern New England region.

The forum began with a welcome by James F. Hardyman, Textron Chairman and CEO. Hardyman described his hopes for the upcoming day as "A lively interchange between leaders in business and education, to be actively engaged in some of the challenges of our day."

He also described some of Textron's own efforts to diversify their company. Out of the company's fifteen trustees, three are women and two are people of color. The company has also formed an International Advisory Board which is committed to cultivating the business of the future. Although Hardyman admitted that not enough global progress has been made, he is optimistic that similar forums will initiate

change.

Shortly after, president and CEO of the National Conference Sanford Cloud Jr. began his keynote speech. Cloud, an attorney as well as the former director of the Aetna Inc. Foundation, shared his visions for the workplaces of the future.

He began by discussing some statistics about the future of diversity in America. Within a decade, the state of California will no longer have a majority race, and one-third of our nation's growth will be from immigrants.

"Go willingly or be dragged," Cloud advised, "as we are in for a challenge to see our future as one nation." Cloud talked about pertinent issues like job bias, America's unwillingness to incorporate people of color, and visible inequalities present in every facet of life.

He also offered solutions for the group to help transform their workplaces for the future. "Something has to happen inside all people. We must look around us and discover the value of all people. We can do this through honest conversation."

Cloud observed that through rigorous dialogue, many fears, questions, and prejudices should surface themselves, in order to better understand them and benefit all. He urged people to engage a stranger in discussion, and to take the initiative to speak to those we would usually not speak with. "We should feel confused, threatened and afraid in this dialogue for it to work." It may seem

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Symposium Discusses Women in Film

BY JESSICA COTRONE '99
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On Tuesday night, November 11, the Women's Studies Program sponsored a symposium entitled "Women and Film," an event which showcased the role of women in various modern films presented by members of the Introduction to Women's Studies classes.

The films critiqued were *Thelma and Louise*, *The Piano*, *Fried Green Tomatoes*, *Just Another Girl on the I.R.T.*, *The Truth About Cats and Dogs* and *First Wives' Club*.

The themes which were addressed in the various films in-

cluded: the portrayal of men, changes of women throughout the movie, power of female friendships and the lack of education young women are receiving about sex.

Thelma and Louise, which starred Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon, was presented by Charlene Cummings, Lauren Janosy, Melissa Metro and Jessica Sault. The film was presented as the first feminist picture to cause controversy because of the reckless nature of the female characters and the powerful, somewhat confusing ending. The major themes of the film which were discussed in the presentation were the stereotypical view of men, the

character changes throughout the film and the surprise ending of the picture.

The major topics of discussion concerning the movie were the ending and the idea that this is a feminist film. The ending of the film, which shows Thelma and Louise drive over the Grand Canyon instead of turning themselves into the police, was debated.

One view expressed was that these are women victimizing themselves. Another view was that this action gave them the freedom to escape an incredibly patriarchal structure (i.e. police and society in

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Poetry Contest Planned for Next Week

BY SUSAN JAMES '00
NEWS STAFF

The English Department is once again sponsoring a poetry and short fiction contest for students who are either closet poets or serious writers. It is under the direction and coordination of Dr. Jane Lunin Perel.

Yesterday was the deadline for submissions. Contestants will read their work at the Feinstein Function room on Tuesday, November 18th, with prizes to be awarded at the end of the evening.

There will be trophies given for first, second, and third prize winners; books will also be given to the three students receiving honorable mentions. Entries include verse poetry, prose poetry,

or short fiction, although in past years the submissions have been mostly verse poetry.

Each of the judges are poets themselves, as well as English professors, and will be seriously critiquing each entry. The criterion for judging includes quality, musicality, rhythm, content, and original use of language. This does not mean that only English majors should enter the contest, nor does it mean that only they will have a better chance at winning. All students are encouraged to enter, regardless of their major.

"It brings the whole college community together," said Dr. Forrest Gander, one of the judges. "[It is] fun to be surprised by students that you haven't worked

with, and who have forged on their own an interesting relationship to the poetic language."

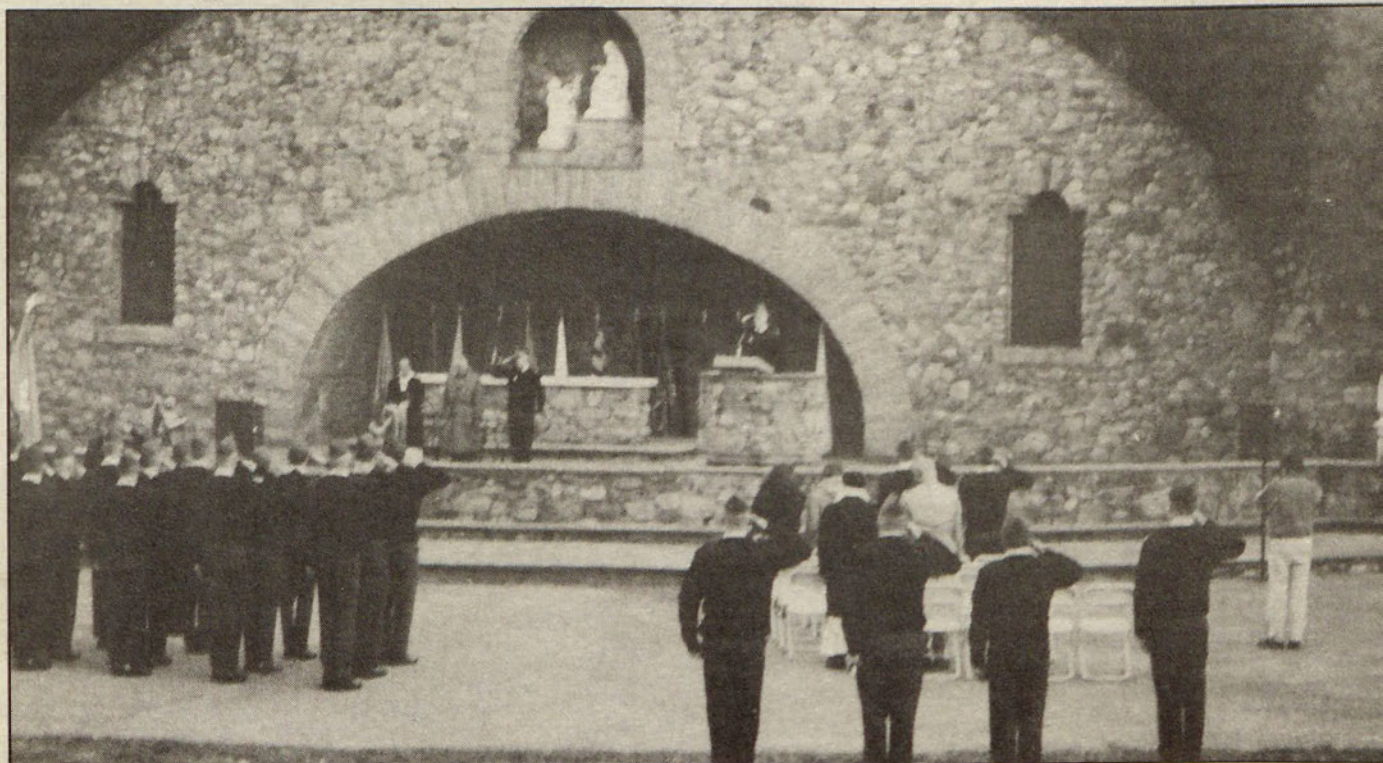
He adds, "Students in Accountancy or ROTC can often be the best poets."

Students who submit their work do not have to have a motive behind entering the contest beyond the rhetorical question of Why not?

Chris Macli '99, a member of the English Club, is entering due to the encouragement of friends. He has no concern over whether or not he will take home a prize.

Kelly Spillane '99, also a member of the English Club, is entering the contest because she is interested in hearing other people's

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The Veterans Day Ceremony took place yesterday, November 12 at the Grotto

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Symposium Addresses Women in Film

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general).

The question of this being viewed as a feminist film was raised in relation to the ending as well. One audience member voiced the argument that these women sacrificing themselves at the close of the film related to the their attempt to break out of the norms placed on them in society. Men in similar types of "buddy" films do not have to die in the end of the movie in order to be considered heroes.

The presentation by Beth Hobbs, Melinda Gillespie and Jennifer Kopolchok was on *Fried Green Tomatoes*, starring Mary Stuart Masterson, Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy and Mary Louise Parker. The major point of the movie discussed was the extremely close friendships that were presented in the movie between the women, and how these friendships helped inspire and give strength to other women.

The idea that female bonding caused radical, positive changes in many women in the film was an important point introduced by the presenters. The courage that each woman gained to fight off evil things in their lives was an important aspect of the picture. While one woman was able to leave her abusive husband, another gained the strength to change her image of herself and obtain self-confidence.

The only independent film presented in the symposium, *Just Another Girl on the I.R.T.*, was probably the most thought-provoking member of the group. Presented by Amy Ascoli, Katherine Brayton, Courtney Gotjen and Kelly Kincaid, this movie's subject matter is unlike any blockbuster motion picture. Centering on the life of Chantal, a 17 year old in Brooklyn native who lives in the projects and aspires to become a doctor, the film presents the issues in a shocking way.

The main twist in the movie comes in the form of pregnancy, with Chantal unexpectedly facing

motherhood at a young age. The ignorance of the main character and her friends about birth control, sexual education and the ways to acquire AIDS was presented in a lighter tone, but acknowledged as a serious problem in today's society.

A plea was made by the presenters to watch this movie as a way to get the message out into society that these ideas still exist. The need to correct these misconceptions is imperative if society wants to stop the rampant spread of disease and pregnancy.

Other presenters were Andrea Mazzacua on *The Piano*, Joanne Balzarini, Emily Cahoon, Kathy Michienzi, Katie Newman, Amy N. Ogradnik and Kristen Scioli on *The Truth About Cats and Dogs* and Heather Brown, Shannon Howard, Aja Mangum and Jen VanderWiede on *First Wives' Club*. The event coordinator was Wendy Oliver and the symposium committee consisted Dr. Deborah Johnson of the Art History Department and Jane Lunin Perel of the English Department.

Patriot Battalion Competes

BY MIKE WEST '99 AND
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SPECIAL TO THE COWL

The alarm sounds off at 4:45 am. I pass my roommates who are sound asleep, (along with the rest of the campus) and stumble into the bathroom to brush my teeth. I'm dressed in my Army physical training uniform, carrying a rope which will become my rappel seat and maybe my big, heavy rucksack.

I make it to Peterson, which is most likely locked, at around 5:20 to meet the rest of my team. We stretch and then begin a grueling workout consisting of six to ten mile runs, hundreds of push-ups, sit-ups, and flutter-kicks, and a sprint workouts that often result in several people losing their breakfasts.

Despite being completely fatigued, "smoked" in Army lingo, we always make time to practice military skills including assembly and disassembly of M-16 assault rifles and M-60 machine guns, as well as one-rope bridge construction and crossing.

We are finished with practice,

showed up and ready for class long before most of our classmates have hit snooze for the first time. We do all of this with little or no recognition on campus as aside from comments like "Were you the guys who made all that noise and woke me up?"

The answer of course, is yes; we are those guys. We are Providence College's own Patriot Battalion Ranger Challenge Team.

The purpose of our long hours in the gym, in the field, and on the Camp Fogarty rifle range is, like any other varsity sport, to prepare for intercollegiate competition. We got the chance to test our skills in mid-October at the Brigade Ranger Challenge competition at Camp Edwards military reserve in Massachusetts.

This meet, which takes place over the course of two long days, pushes teams to their physical and mental limits. The event begins with an Army Physical Training Test (push-ups, sit-ups, and a 2 mile run) at 5:00 am on Saturday morning.

Throughout Saturday, teams participate in marksmanship with an M-16 rifle, weapons assembly

for time, one-rope bridge races, orienting and land navigation, a puzzle-like obstacle course, and a written examination on infantry patrolling tactics.

After a few short hours of cleaning the barracks and sleeping, teams participate in a 10 kilometer road march. This is simply a six mile, mostly uphill run with full equipment, including BDU's (Battle Dress Uniforms), M-16's, and boots, during which no member of team may separate more than 25 meters from his teammates. More than any other, this event tests the physical stamina, teamwork, and intestinal fortitude of the Ranger teams.

The 1997 Providence College Rangers finished 8th in a field of 19. Not bad, considering that the team placed 19th out of 21 teams last year, and that they compete against schools like Norwich and Boston University which are known nationally for their Ranger programs.

The future also looks promising, with only one graduating senior on this year's squad (Platoon Leader Shane Finn). The remainder of the team will be back and

hungry for even greater improvement next year. They are juniors Tim Starke (Platoon Sergeant), Mike West, Marcho Camacho, Chris Marcoux, Mike Mancini, and Patrick Gray (Bryant College), as well as sophomores Mike Avenick and Matt Sova.

The team was coached, or rather beaten into submission, by Captain Gendreau (A Real Ranger) and Second Lieutenant Papaleo. All of the cadets and coaches, as well as the many others who worked incredibly hard despite not making the starting team, should be commended for their efforts on behalf of the Patriot Battalion as well as the student body of Providence College.

So next time you see a person dressed like a tree on campus with a Ranger Challenge tab on his shoulder, or awakened far too early by a resounding cry of "Beefcake!", remember that the future officers who make up the Patriot Battalion Rangers are quietly but proudly representing this school, the ROTC program, and the entire student body.

Fourth Annual Textron Forum

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like a small effort to make, but it is our global responsibility.

According to Cloud, our only choices for the 21st century are to continue to live in isolated communities, or to learn to face our differences by living and working together and dedicating ourselves to learning more about other cultures and lifestyles. The term "inclusion" was frequently brought up at the forum. In an "inclusive" workplace, women and minorities are not excluded from the competitive environment. Although letting our voices be heard is important, Cloud said that listening is equally important.

The day continued with a response session, moderated by Director of the Social Science Program and Professor of Sociology Dr. Charlotte O'Kelly. Questions were fielded to Cloud and Hardyman. Also, panels made up of educators and executives discussed such topics as "Building a Diverse Work Team"

and "starting Your Own Business." Panelists spoke about the glass ceiling facing minorities and women, as well as suggestion for improving businesses.

At the panel entitled "Corporate Citizenship and Social Responsibility," four top executives and educators relayed experiences they encountered in their careers which made them realize that being "successful" means being a good citizen, and should not be defined in only financial terms.

Rev. Albino Barrera, Assistant Professor of Humanities here at PC, was among the four panelists. Also speaking at the forum was Cheryl Watkins, President of Banneker Industries, one of the few all-women minority manufacturing companies. Watkins recalled her volunteering efforts, and how important it is to give back to the community while in business.

Through the Textron Forum, it is the hope of Textron that constructive and helpful dialogue can help educators and businesses incorporate diversity and make their companies more valuable.

Annual Poetry Contest Calls Closet Poets

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work, as well as discovering what other people think of her writing. "I haven't had people criticize my work before," she said. "I just really enjoy [writing]."

Creative writing is one of the more constructive medium when dealing with stress or anxiety in our lives, and there are more people who write poetry and prose than one would think. It is a personal freedom of expression which allows the writer to put down whatever they want, however they wish.

"I write poetry sometimes," said Heather Oberg '00, a Spanish and International Relations major. "It helps me when I am really upset about something, and eases off the pressure somewhat."

"Writing is a great way to use your creative energies for yourself as opposed to writing something academic for a class," said Julie Gill '00. "It's a form of free expression which is almost necessary for students to use as a creative outlet in the light of the straightforward academic work which we are often times overwhelmed by."

The expected turnout for November 18 is expected to be decent, as students go to read their work, listen to others, and give support and encouragement. "The students will turn out to support each other's efforts to document their own thinking and feeling," Dr. Gander said. "It's one of the best manifestations of school spirit."

Refreshments will be served as an additional incentive, much to the delight of participants and audience alike.



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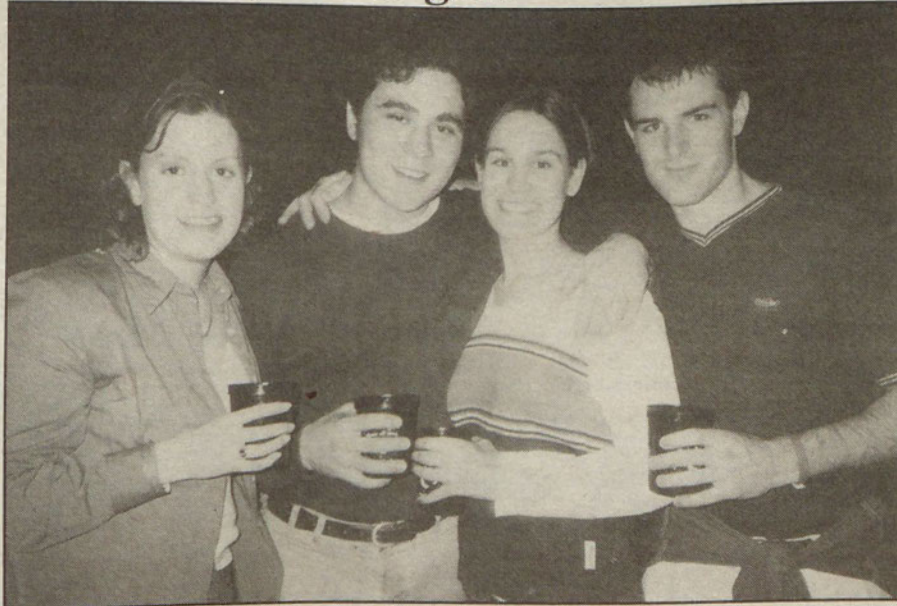
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198 Nights was a big success...See page 9 for article

by Kristine McElroy '98/Veritas

Human Rights Hypocrite

By ANITA MORAWSKI '98
EDITORIALS STAFF

Clinton's presidency has come to be synonymous with hypocrisy. Last week, Chinese President Jiang Zemin visited with President Clinton regarding democracy and human rights. One issue discussed was Tienanmen Square, which Jiang defended as a necessary measure to maintain social and political stability in China. Clinton responded by rubbing his temples and drawing his hand over his face in disbelief. He explained to Jiang that human rights are universal. After the summit, he was met by his staff with whoops of delight and high-fives. Bill Clinton, defender of human rights, is now a hero for masterfully handling the exchange with the evil Jiang. Clinton's aide suggests that "there's not a lot more we can make out of this relationship right now because of the fundamental disagreement over human rights." To the rest of the nation, the summit showed how far apart China and the U.S. remain on fundamental issues, and how adamant Clinton is about supporting human rights.

Defender of human

rights. Isn't it funny that such a defender would refuse to sign a treaty banning anti-personnel landmines which maim and even kill innocent men, women, and children daily? More than 400 million landmines have been laid since the beginning of the Second World War, 65 million of them since the Convention on Conventional Weapons in 1980 attempted to regulate their use. The drive for banning them was pushed forth by Princess Diana, who visited landmine victims in Bosnia just days before her death. The text of the treaty was adopted by 80 countries, which will formally sign at the Ottawa convention in December. But our great human rights defender announced that he will not sign because he wishes to continue using the devices on the Korean Peninsula for nine more years. "As commander in chief," Clinton states, "I will not send our soldiers to defend the freedom of our people and the freedom of others without doing everything we can to make them as secure as possible." Apparently, the human rights of American soldiers outweigh those of the innocent Asian civilians. Well, isn't that something? Didn't he tell Jiang just last

week that human rights were universal? The ultimate irony is that

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while the summit with Jiang supposedly demonstrated just how far apart Washington and Beijing remain on key issues, the Clinton

administration joins company with China and other landmine abusers that also refuse to sign the treaty. Clinton ought to have covered his face in shame, not disbelief.

This is by no means the only example of how the Clinton administration fails to make universal human rights a priority. The United States has yet to close down the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Georgia, which trains Latin American military officers in techniques such as torture, execution, blackmail. Military students return home to use their methods against religious workers, labor organizers, human rights and democracy advocates, political dissidents, and leftist guerillas. Among its 60,000 graduates since 1946 are the most notorious strongmen of the 1970s and '80s, including Panama's drug-dealing dictator Manuel Noriega. Lower graduates of the "School of the Assassins" have been responsible for some of the most infamous massacres and human rights abuses including the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero and the El Mozote Massacre. Bills have been proposed in the House and Senate to close the school, but no date has been scheduled for a

vote, demonstrating a lack of interest in Congress.

Clinton was also hailed as a hero for his new "No Sweatshops" code which assures that the legal minimum wage be paid to foreign employees of Nike and other corporations. The down side is that the minimum wage is often inadequate to meet an individual's basic needs, let alone those of a family. Employees of Nike contractors in Indonesia and Vietnam are still working up to 84 hours a week and are being paid less than 30 cents an hour. For Clinton's code to be effective, there needs to be a more rigorous monitoring process which includes proper representation of workers.

As citizens of the United States, we have the right to question our President's stance on human rights issues. It is easy to look like a hero of human rights when standing next to someone who defends the Tienanmen Square Massacre as necessary to social stability. But does Clinton stand for human rights when the implications are less obvious and the United States does not have such a vested interest?

Lab Testing Losers: Animal Experimentation

By KIMBERLY CUTRONE '00
EDITORIALS STAFF

The practice of experimenting on animals began because of religious prohibitions against the dissection of human corpses. When these prohibitions were finally dropped, it was too late to stop the practice of animal testing. Our world is no doubt infested with incurable diseases that threaten our everyday lives and no doubt new and innovative medications are needed to combat these illnesses. It is a well-known fact that animals are used for this type of medical testing. These tests are often unnecessarily severe and result in the deaths of many otherwise healthy animals. Every year, 17 to 70 million animals die due to experimental testing. Many of the animals used in these tests are bred only to be killed. Advocating against animal testing is not for radicals anymore. It is time to become aware of what our country is doing to nature.

Animal experimentation is most controversial when it concerns experimentation for cosmetics. Many of the tests performed on animals by such companies as Cover Girl and Oil of Olay kill animals unnecessarily. One form of experimentation which is exces-

sively cruel is called the Eye Irritancy Test. This test involves the trapping of small bunnies into boxes where only their heads are protruding. The product, usually a perfume of type of makeup is exposed to the eye. The pain from this experiment alone forces the bunnies to try and escape, inevitably strangling themselves in the box. If they don't die in this way, they are usually permanently blinded because of the excessive amount of the cosmetic being put in the animal's eye. What is the point of this experiment? There are already warning labels on most products warning that if the product gets in the eye that one should flush with water and contact a physician. There is no reason to conduct such an experiment when there are cheaper and more humane options available. Avon, which formerly used animal testing, has switched from these traditional irritancy tests to one which use a vegetable protein which acts the same way in which the cornea of the eye does. This method called the Eytex method can be used to determine the toxicity of more than 5000 different materials. Tests such as the ones used by Avon are less expensive and are humane. No animals die in the process. If tests like this are available then there is

no excuse for cruel animal experimentation. Animal testing for cosmetic products is wrong. Many

Many of the tests performed on animals by such companies as Cover Girl and Oil of Olay kill animals unnecessarily.

animals die every year for the purpose of vanity. Humans should worry more about respect for na-

ture than if their perfume will sting their eyes.

A more acceptable form of animal experimentation is for medical purposes. It is true to say that animal testing helps researchers formulate new medications to help save human lives. However, a line must also be drawn between the medical benefits and the inhumane treatment of animals. This past summer in New York an animal testing facility was picketed for an osteoporosis test using beagles as the subject. The healthy dogs had their legs broken and then were given a the experimental medication to interpret if it worked. After several days the affected limbs either were amputated killing the dog or leaving it crippled. Twenty-five beagles were subjected to this treatment. Was it really necessary? The same animals that we grow to love as pets are being killed for unnecessary reasons.

Animal experimentation is also in our own backyards. In my small hometown in New Jersey there is an animal testing laboratory four blocks from me. It fits into the background quite quaintly and was even awarded for the money it has donated to various organizations in my community. Until I found its name on a list of companies which test on animals on the PETA

(People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) web site, I never would have known. Organizations such as PETA promote the awareness of animal experimentation and what the average citizen can do to help stop it. There are many products we encounter every day which test on animals. Palmolive, Oil of Olay, and Johnson and Johnson are just a few. Through the boycott of such products and the purchasing of animal friendly products the average person can help fight for animal rights. The PETA web site (www.envirolink.com) contains lists of the companies which do and don't test on animals. Just browsing through it, and yoy surprised how many everyday products are tested on animals. The number is astounding.

Just because we as humans are dominant in this world does not give us the right to needlessly kill animals and destroy the natural course of nature. No one would want to see their favorite pet being subjected to cruel experimentation. Through animal testing, we are interrupting the evolution of many animal species. Animals are beautiful creatures whose beauty should be enjoyed and respected, not taken advantage of.

Give a Child a Chance

BY KRISTEN MARTINEAU '98
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There are many problems that face young people in America. It seems as though there are issues and concerns that teenagers and young adults must address that were not as prevalent even a few years ago. The issue of teenage or unplanned pregnancy is still a major concern that faces us today. Unfortunately, many turn to abortion as a solution. However, there are other options, such as adoption.

There are so many wonderful couples who yearn for children of their own, but biologically cannot have a family. What a wonderful gift it would be to give a child to people who can financially, spiritually, and emotionally support this child. The realization that you cannot raise a child on your own and want to give your child the best possible life is perhaps one of the most selfless acts a person can do.

Many will argue that a child should stay with his or her biological parents no matter what the situation or circumstances may be. However, biology does not determine paternity or maternity. A par-

ent is someone that gives love unconditionally. It is someone who is always there for their child in good times and bad. A good parent gives their child roots and then realizes that the child needs wings in order to become their own person. All of these qualities have nothing to do with biology.

The adoption process is something that I never really knew much about. I didn't think I ever knew anyone that was adopted. One of my roommates is adopted and is very grateful for her wonderful parents. They have taught her right from wrong, been there for her during the most wonderful events of her life and have picked her up when things aren't doing so well. This is what being a parent means.

Giving your child up is probably one of the most difficult decisions to make. A mother has bonded with the child for nine months. However, it takes a mature person to recognize that the child would be better off in another family. It also gives a childless couple the opportunity to have their dream come true.

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How Bizarre

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Just when we thought the infamous "nanny trial" couldn't get more bizarre, Judge Hiller Zobel gave Louise Woodward a non-existent sentence allowing more controversy to erupt. The judge's decision is fantastically unjust and will send a ripple of injustice across the Atlantic.

Last week a jury found Louise Woodward guilty of murder in the second degree for killing eight-month-old Matthew Eappen, an infant she was hired to care for. Woodward was given the mandatory sentence for murder two, life in prison with the possibility of parole after 15 years. Eleven days later, Judge Zobel agreed with the jury that Woodward was, in his words, "rough" with the baby and responsible for his death but reduced the charge to involuntary manslaughter. After admitting that Louise Woodward indeed killed an infant, by finding her guilty of manslaughter, Judge Zobel inexplicably freed her from jail. Perhaps the judge was correct in reducing the charge to manslaughter, but he inexcusably allowed public opinion to influence his decision to release a woman he admits killed a child only nine months ago.

Do not think that the non-sentence given to Woodward is the norm for those convicted of involuntary manslaughter cases under almost identical circumstances. Ten people convicted of the same charges as Woodward are serving time in Massachusetts jails for being "rough" with infants.

This ridiculous decision to unleash a baby killer is nothing less than absurd and is the result of a judge succumbing to the pressure applied by the biased, uninformed and emotionally driven protesters of the jury's verdict.

Judge Zobel is undoubtedly a legal scholar but apparently he put his knowledge of the law on lay-away and decided to let the angry mobs outside the court room and on television decide this case.

Zobel sat around for a week and a half as the news media churned out poll after poll consulting people, who may or may not have watched the case, expressing opinions that disagreed with the jury's verdict. Along with poll results, the media also paraded across the television an endless slew of Woodward supporters, unhappy with the verdict simply because one of their fellow Britons was found guilty or because in their uninformed opinion Woodward is innocent.

Moreover, the judge's decision came with the knowledge that Woodward passed a lie detector test, information not permissible in court because polygraphs are wildly inaccurate. Furthermore, the jury did not hear any of the people who unfoundedly slandered Matthew Eappen's parents for neglecting their child by hiring an au pair. Judge Zobel did.

After swallowing all of this irrelevance whole, the judge gave a pathetically lenient sentence. What nauseates me, and anyone concerned with providing justice to the dead child and his family, is the fact that the judge sentenced Woodward to the absolute minimum amount of time that he could. Dripping with cowardice, Judge Zobel sentenced Woodward to time already served, essentially no

time at all considering that Woodward was back on the streets literally an hour after this ridiculous decision.

Zobel's sentence is even more glaringly unjust when you consider that Woodward's time already served was 279 days, and the child the judge said she manslaughtered was alive for only 262 days.

If that doesn't convince you that a tremendous injustice has been perpetrated against the dead child, there is other disturbing information to be noted. Consider that only minutes before the judge rendered the sentence for the woman he found guilty of manslaughter, he listened as she lied and told the court and the world that she was in no way responsible for the baby's death.

How does Zobel sleep at night knowing he has freed a woman he believes to be guilty of a violent crime, who offers no remorse and

that information surfaced in the defense's appeal? Isn't that why the appeal process exists?

Along with citing Woodward's deadly roughness as a cause of Matthew's death, Zobel stated that Woodward's "immaturity" and "anger" played a part in the killing. The judges notion that an eighteen-year-old is not mature enough to realize that being "rough" with an infant might not be in the best interest of that child's health, is ludicrous. Any normal eighteen-year-old knows that anything less than extreme care is necessary when infants are involved. Apparently judge Zobel feels that since Woodward is immature she is not responsible for her angry and deadly actions.

If the judge's decision was not disturbing enough, the site of Woodward's supporters in England cheering and even popping champagne bottles upon hearing that their beloved manslaughterer would be set free was sickening. Woodward's fan club carried on as if they were at the Super Bowl callously ignoring the fact that an infant had been killed.

The parents of Matthew Eappen are in hiding because they are being harassed by the news media and because they, believe it or not, have received death threats. The family's seclusion did not allow them to be present in the courtroom, so presumably they had to watch the sentencing on television. Imagine what these people whose child was killed must have felt when the networks, using split screens, simultaneously showed the judge issue the sentence and Woodward's fanatical supporters carrying on as if they were at a soccer match.

The ramifications of this case go far beyond those involved and touch everyone who will participate in the judicial process in the future. After watching this case, juries in the future will be hesitant to pursue justice. Instead of concentrating on the facts of the case, they will be forced to tailor their decisions to suit what they think the news media, public opinion, and the judge want. This preoccupation by the jury will lead only to widespread injustice.

This case has clear-cut winners and losers. Matthew Eappen and his family are the direct losers as a result of this runaway judge's decision to deny them justice. The American justice system has suffered a devastating blow because emotions and pressure decided this case instead of fact and evidence as the Constitution provides.

In contrast, for Louise Woodward this case has been a resounding victory and may be the best thing that has ever happened in her deadly life. To alter the age-old expression, Woodward got away with manslaughter. Without a doubt she will sell her story to a newspaper, write a book, ride the talk show circuit, perhaps even have her story made into a TV mini-series. As a result of taking a child's life, Woodward will become wealthy and she has already become the darling of her native England.

I weep for the future if justice continues to be based on a CNN poll, if victims continue to be treated as criminals and if killers continue to be crowned heroes.

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acknowledges no responsibility for the killing he finds her guilty of?

After this lengthy trial and all that has been said about shaken baby syndrome and the like, Woodward somehow still does not realize that infants can be hurt and even killed if someone is "rough" with them.

Someone so dangerously dense should be incarcerated to protect society, let alone because she violently (although apparently not maliciously since she is now guilty of manslaughter) killed a child. Woodward is free now and may soon have a child of her own. One must wonder how safe this child, or any other infant exposed to Woodward is considering she apparently has no idea that a "rough" nanny can lead to a dead baby.

It was not even necessary for the judge to throw out the jury's verdict. If the original decision was so very inaccurate would not

US is No Melting Pot

To the Editor:

The Textron Forum on Women and Minority Issues held last Thursday taught me a lot about this nation, this campus and this globe. While listening to the keynote speaker about biases and the need for diversity in every facet of life, I recalled a popular description of America used in my social studies texts, "a melting pot." Ironically, moments after the phrase left my mind, the keynote brought it up himself. I first thought he was going to agree with the "melting pot" moniker, and tell everyone how much it really rings true in today's diverse society. However, he surprised me by totally disagreeing with it.

To him as well as other minorities, this country is not a "melting pot" at all. The phrase "melting pot" literally means "assimilation." Its original usage was to describe the mass immigration of white Europeans to this country in the late 1800's and early 1900's. People of color, those of other faiths and lifestyles, and immigrants from South/Central America, Africa and Asia were in no way meant to be included in its meaning. To say that this country is "assimilated" in any form is a gross exaggeration. For, inequality is visible in almost every societal sector. Also, issues of race relations, diversity, and freedom are pertinent now more than ever.

I think that as students in a homogeneous college (ninety-five percent Caucasian) we forget that diversity is only seconds away from this campus. It will find its

way into all of our lives, whether we want it to or not. Instead of living isolated lives which will ultimately foster violence, we should start here at PC to change the situation. The phrase "melting pot" assumes that all the cultures and races and faiths of Americans are assimilated as one nation. I feel this is far from reality, and those who use this phrase to accurately describe America are unclear as to the present state of the nation.

Recently, questions and concerns about diversity have been surfacing on this campus. Although the voices of the handful of students and faculty concerned about diversity issues in general, not just those pertaining to the College.

Something must happen within each of us for any solutions to come about. We must discover the dignity of the "other" people who are around us—those who do not look or dress or act exactly as we do. We must take initiatives to engage in conversation with those who are "different" than us. We must decide to educate ourselves about other cultures and faiths and lifestyles. If the College we attend does not adequately provide these resources for us, we must question our academic freedom here. These examples of action may seem small and useless for an individual student, but the results will nevertheless benefit all. These initiatives are vitally important, and part of the larger solution of how to embrace diversity globally.

Laura L. Vivenzio '98

OP Hiring Practices

To the Editor:

No one likes to have their prose misquoted. As the drafter of the hiring policy approved by the Trustees several years ago, I noted a small but very significant misquotation. According to *The Cowl* article on 11/6/97, our policy is to hire any "available" Dominican. This is not correct. The hiring policy lists two occasions when a national search is not required. One of these concerns a "qualified" Dominican. Standards are not lowered; not every Dominican who applies is hired.

What about the qualifications of Dominican Friars who joined the faculty in recent years? Additions since 1993, along with the school where the doctorate was earned, include Fr. Guido (Harvard), Fr. McGonigle (Harvard), Fr. Barrera (Yale), Fr. Marquis (Ohio State), Fr. Brocato (Minnesota), Fr. Cleary (Chicago). Fr. Sicard, in a non-faculty position, also has his doctorate from Ohio State. Younger Friars, who come as instructors since they haven't finished their doctoral studies, have the STL. This degree represents five years of graduate theological education—a longer period than the course work required for most doctoral programs. Many of these bring other academic achievements as well: e.g., Fr. Wagner's law degree (JD) from Duke; Fr. Henritzy's MA in philosophy, Fr. Chrzastek's master's degrees in both philosophy and mathematics.

We are all interested in the academic qualifications of the faculty—Dominicans more than most, for we have a greater stake in the excellence of the institution.

Justin Hennessey OP

Security Concerns

To the Editor:

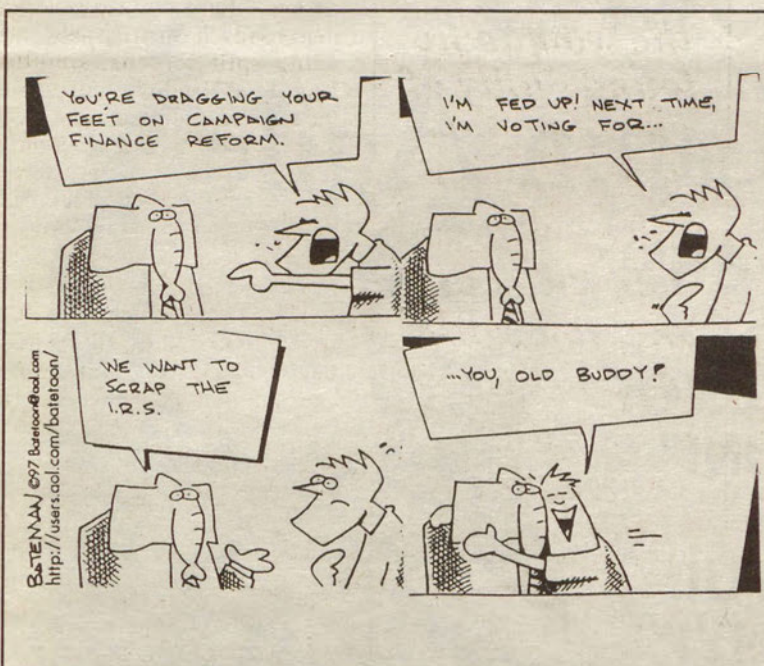
I am a junior at Providence College. In my last two years here, I have always felt safe and part of the "PC family." Though, the initial culture shock was a little overwhelming and the lack of diversity on campus was evident. I soon adjusted to the situation. I have contributed to recruiting and encouraging multicultural students to attend Providence College. My outward appearances never played a negative role for me in any situation until the morning of September 27th. I know this took place a while ago, however, I couldn't let this incident occur unvoiced or unknown. This incident did not directly happen to me, nonetheless, it did affect someone very important and close to me, my sister. She was upset, therefore I was upset.

It was after a party at Stuart's, I had come back to my place already. About fifteen minutes later, the phone rang and my sister came in very, very upset and practically in tears. She kept saying "Badge 22, you have to report him." She proceeded to tell me what happened when she drove into the RC lot with a couple of people to pick up another car that was parked at that location. A security truck drove by next to her vehicle and told her to leave and that this vehicle does not belong here, because the people in this car were involved in a fight the night before. (The incident the night before involved Asians, and yes, the car was there but we weren't the cause of it). She told the security officer that he had

had no right to say that to her and that she is just here to pick up a car that was parked. Also, she continued on to say that one of the owners of the car is a student at PC, therefore, the car is here at least twice a week. Again, she said that he had no right to tell her to leave, they were not doing anything wrong. He then continued on to say that if she wants to report him to go ahead take his badge number. She just went into the parking lot and he stayed to make sure she left the parking lot.

As my sister was completing her story, I thought I would walk outside to see if there was any chance that I'll see him around. And here I see coming around was the truck. I went outside, along with my sister and my two cousins, and waved my hand to tell him to stop and he did. He rolled down his window and I didn't go off at all. I said very calmly, "my sister told me that she felt she was harassed by you, I think you owe her an apology because she didn't do anything wrong." Then he started to bring up last night's occurrence and said we were involved because the car was present. We told him we were not involved, in fact we were the ones who tried to stop it. Then I continued to say, "I think you should give my sister an apology, all I want is an apology." He said there was no way he is going to apologize, and also he went on to say, "If you want to report me, my badge number is 22, you can report it to my supervisor." Then he just drove off.

Phareth Niem 99



The Cowl Editorial Policy 1997-98

I. Commentary articles and letters to the Editor are welcome from any member of the PC student body, faculty or administration. Submissions from those outside the PC community may be printed if space permits.

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VI. All letters accepted for publication are the opinions of the writer only, and do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of the

The Cowl staff.

Down With the Death Penalty

To the Editor:

Since I am opposed to capital punishment, I wish to commend Massachusetts State Representative, Democrat John P. Slattery who recently made an 11th hour switch that killed legislation that would have brought capital punishment back to the Bay State. I wish also to commend Bernard Cardinal Law, who lobbied via telephone to Mr. Slattery declaring his opposition to the death penalty. I disagree with Massachusetts acting Governor Paul Celluci and other supporters of capital punishment who unfairly labeled Mr. Slattery a "Profile in Cowardice" and a hypocrite. I firmly believe that only fools don't change their minds and that capital punishment does not serve as a deterrent and there is always the possibility that some people waiting on death row could be innocent.

Being a pro-life person who is opposed to abortion, racism, war (slaughter of innocent people), worldwide hunger and worldwide corruption, I am adamant in my opposition to capital punishment. To do otherwise would negate my truly being a pro-life person. In conclusion, I firmly believe that the death penalty violates the fifth commandment of God—"Thou Shalt Not Kill."

Most Sincerely,

Russell P. Demoe '93

Diversity is not PC

To the Editor:

As I read *The Cowl* this past week, I was disgusted as I came across the editorial written by Kristen Martineau '98 entitled, What is Diversity? Besides coming across as totally ignorant, the article upset me because it was filled with the inconsistencies that are rampant at our college. Perhaps the most striking statement in the article was when Ms. Martineau went so far as to say she gained insight into the various cultures after having gone through two years of Western Civ. True, there was insight gained into the cultures of the Greeks, Romans, and early Christians. What do all these have in common? We learned from the accomplishments of WHITE MEN. Ms. Martineau made it her point to say that diversity not only refers to racial diversity, but in using the Western Civ. program as an example, she has failed to point out diversity because there is no mention of the accomplishments of White women. If we are to go by Civ alone, women, of any race, made no significant contribution to the development of the Western world after the birth of Jesus until the 1960's Feminist movement.

When diversity is uttered on our campus, we naturally turn to racial diversity because of its scarcity at PC. Let's face it, there is no racial diversity at Providence College. Regardless of your race, gender, or religious beliefs, you cannot attend PC for four years and say that you have attended an ethnically or racially diverse institution without lying to yourself.

Ms. Martineau's comments about the students who spoke with the accrediting team on November 4th was another example of her poor perception of student con-

cerns. For her to state that "it seemed that there were students present at the forum that really do not like Providence College and thus can only complain about it. It is unfortunate that people would stay at a place that makes them so unhappy," is completely outrageous. Let me say that PC may not have been my first choice and as a minority student on this campus, I have many issues with the College's administration, however, I love Providence College. The friendships I have built in my three years here are priceless and so are the memories that I will carry with me as I walk across the stage in May, 1998. It is because I love Providence College so much that I can join along with my fellow students who are upset with PC and "complain." I care about the present and future directions PC undertakes, especially regarding the population of students of color and the recruiting of these students to the campus.

Ms. Martineau closed her article by saying that her hope was that we could all start to focus more on the positive aspects of PC and recognize that change does not happen overnight. I, too, will close with these words, however I will alter them slightly. We need to focus on what changes are needed at PC and begin working towards them, for you can't fix a problem that you can't acknowledge or recognize.

Joaquin Fonte '98
President, Board of
Multicultural Student Affairs

Final Lap

BY ALYSSA GIANINNI '98
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

The flashing lights, the torrent of sweaty bodies swaying in excited frenzy to the pulsating beat - a class joined together for a mere moment of escape from the harsh reality that the evening signified. Welcome, Class of 1998, to the Beginning of the End! Last Saturday night's "198 Nights" was not simply another campus event. It marked the beginning of the final lap of our Providence College careers.

This can be a nerve-racking realization if isolated to its induced fears of the past that we're leaving behind and the uncertainty of the future that lies ahead. But remember, we have six remaining months. We have 197 more days together as a collegiate family and

Nights," it appears as if the majority of us are making the effort. Although there were some complaints toward the minor issue of inadequate numbers of tables for distributing over 21 bracelets and beer tickets, Student Congress representatives commented that this was the only problem of the entire occasion and it will be taken into consideration for future events. In addition, those students working the event had some trouble getting the overly-excited seniors to leave... if that can be classified as a problem. But Commencement Core Chairperson Amy Madden, commented on her satisfaction with the near 400 commemorative cups sold at the event. This fund raiser, as well as possible others at future events, is designed to reducing our commencement bid prices. Overall, "198 Nights" was a

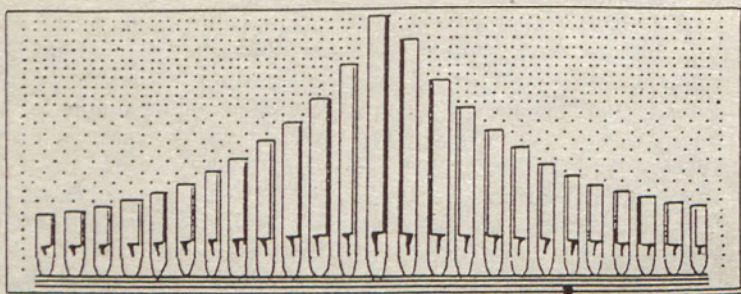
198 Nights marked the beginning of the final lap of our Providence College career.

"198 Nights" was the first of a number of events dedicated to celebrating our unity; allowing us the opportunity to recognize and appreciate the importance of the PC experience and the friendships that we have developed over the past three years.

The success of these events depends upon the participation of the entire class and from the estimated 600 person turnout at "198

huge success. Yes, it signifies our all-too-near departure from the PC life that we have grown to know and love over the past three years. But more importantly, it stands as a reminder for the wonderful experiences that are still to come. So I ask you, my classmates and friends, to make the best of the next six months.

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BY ERIC CUTLER '98
ASST. ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Continuing its incredible Broadway series, the Providence Performing Arts Center is presenting *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, a comedy written by Steve Martin and starring comedian Paul Provenza. Martin, known for such classic films as *The Lonely Guy*, *The Jerk*, and *Roxanne*, delivers a story of two great minds of the twentieth century: Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein. That is, it's about the two great minds *before* they achieved greatness.

I had the opportunity to talk to Paul Provenza (he called ME, folks!) about the show and the part that he plays (Picasso). Paul graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with the first Theatre Arts degree in the history of the school. After college, he went to

London to study with the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. From there he became an accomplished comedian and actor, appearing in numerous films and television series. He replaced Rob Morrow as the Alaskan doctor on the hit *Northern Exposure*. He also had a regular role on the NBC sitcom, *Empty Nest*. You may have also seen him on his own comedy special for Showtime called *The Incredible Man-Boy*, or his talk show, *Comics Only*, on Comedy Central, which ran for 165 episodes and was nominated for two Cable Ace Awards.

Picasso at the Lapin Agile tells the story of Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein -- before anything happened. Set in 1904, a year before Einstein's Theory of Relativity, the play is essentially about two young guys who want to change the world, but don't know

how to. "It's about the human beings before the legends," is how Provenza put it. "They are two lusty young guys sitting in a bar and hitting on girls."

Many people are hesitant to see this show because they think the humor is going to be very sophisticated or heavy. Others think that, since it was written by Steve Martin, the show is going to be goofy. Both are wrong, according to Provenza. "It has its funny, playful moments. It has something for everyone." Don't take Paul's word for it, though. See it for yourself. It is playing at the Providence Performing Arts Center from Tuesday, November 18 through Sunday, November 23.

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Steve Martin's Picasso at the Lapin Agile

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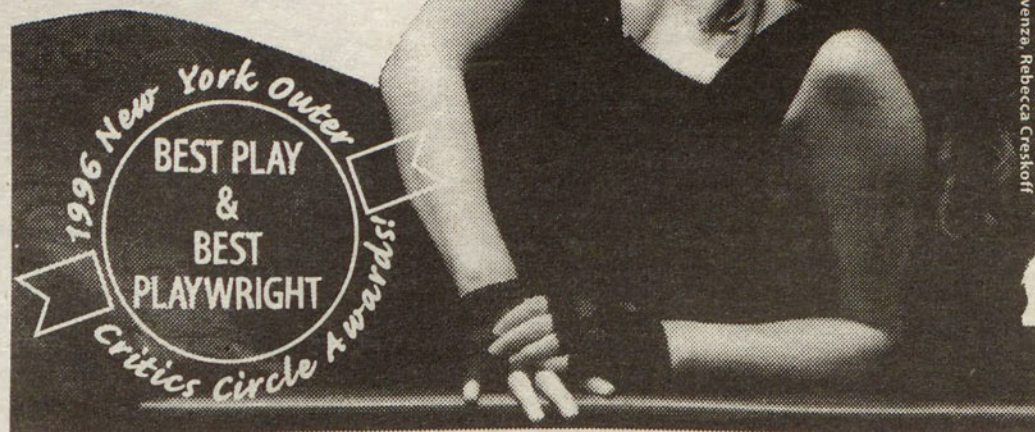
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Classic Rock!

BY ERIC CUTLER '98

ASST. ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

When one thinks of a Broadway musical, images of lavish sets, luscious costumes, and showstopping tunes of Rodgers and Hammersteinian proportions usually come to mind. *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* broke all of those barriers with its simple set, wacky costumes and songs about the circulation system... and spent less than six months on Broadway. Now that it is making its way around to the little people, it has become a huge hit. The current tour is thrilling audiences around the nation and filling their souls with a gleeful giddiness that neither Rodgers nor Hammerstein could match on their best day. Last Sunday, the giddy happiness stopped in Providence for an afternoon full of fun, song, and learning.

Schoolhouse Rock Live! is more or less a greatest hits package from the collection of songs. For those who aren't versed in the songs of *Schoolhouse Rock*, please allow me to illustrate what it is all about. *Schoolhouse Rock* was a cartoon series in the seventies and eighties that taught children (myself included) how to read, write, add, subtract, and recite important documents from our country's history by turning them into songs that are easy to memorize. The songs are broken down into four different categories: Grammar Rock, Multiplication Rock, America Rock, and Science Rock. Each rock contains songs that deal with that particular subject.

America Rock, for example, has songs about the Declaration of Independence ("Fireworks"), women's right to vote ("Sufferin' Till Suffrage"), and the founding of America ("No More Kings").

The show began with a teacher's first day of school. He is nervous about teaching a bunch of eight year olds, so he calls upon the different parts of his subconscious to help him prepare for the day. His "helpers" come out on stage in bright colored costumes and bubbly personalities (perhaps too bubbly for a Sunday morning). They tell him that a surefire way to get ready for the day is to remember that learning is fun! That sounds cheesy, but it worked on the hundreds of eight year olds sitting in the audience. It was precisely at this point that they broke into song.

The first song they played was "Verb: That's What's Happening." It didn't illicit much of a response from the audience because it isn't that great of a song. "Unpack Your Adjectives" got the crowd clapping and whooping, and they kept the energy alive with "A Noun is a Person, Place, or Thing." I didn't recognize any of these songs, though.

The moment I heard them mention adverbs I knew what was coming. "Lolly, Lolly, Lolly, Get Your Adverbs Here" had everyone, even an old curmudgeon like myself, rockin' in their seats. From then on in it was like I was back home eating Mr. T cereal on a Saturday morning... except for the fact that I was at the Providence Performing Arts Center and it was a Sun-



Although these three fun men did not appear at the PPAC, it still gives you an idea of the spirit of *Schoolhouse Rock Live!*

day afternoon. Other than that, it was pretty cool.

Other classics that were played were "I'm Just a Bill," which wasn't very good because the guy who was singing had the wrong voice for the song, "Conjunction Junction," which stirred the crowd into a frenzy, "Interplanet Janet," "Rufus Xavier Sarsaparilla," a witty tale about pronouns, and two of my personal favorites: "Interjections" and "Ready or Not, Here I Come," which is all about the joys of multiplying by five.

The cast consisted of three men and three women. They all took turns singing the songs and did a very good job, for the most part. The problem is that most of the fun

of the songs in the cartoons was the voices. "I'm Just a Bill" is great because of the raspy voice of the Bill. On stage, the Bill is sung with a good singing voice, which ruins it. This may be the first time that someone who has a better singing voice does not sound as good as someone who sounds like they have a frog in their throat.

The show is a little over an hour long. This may seem short, but it isn't. The kitschy fun of the songs gets old quickly, and the performers know it. Since they are playing for a bunch of elementary school students (the average age of Sunday's audience was nine years old), the show cannot be too long or they run the risk of losing the

kids. The kid in front of me had more fun staring at me than the stage. Also, if the show was any longer, the actors would probably have died on stage because they do not stop moving. One of the guys was covered with sweat by the end of the show. It was not a pretty sight.

It wasn't *Hamlet*, but *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* did do what it was created to do: remind college seniors, like myself, that "interjections show excitement, or emotion and they're generally set apart from a sentence by an exclamation point, or by a comma when the feeling's not as strong." I'm only kidding. I know what interjections do. It's adverbs that puzzle me.

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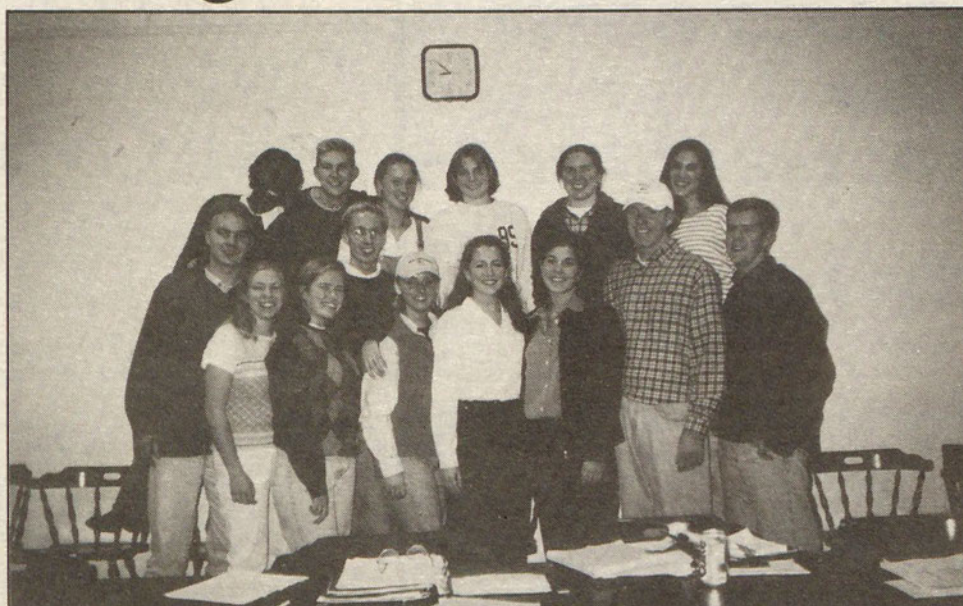
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Hey Class of 1999...

Where do you think you'll end up this JRW Weekend?



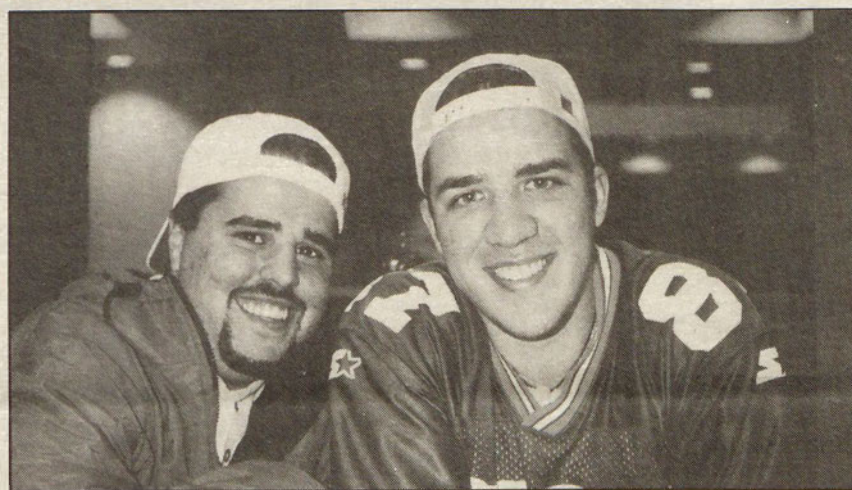
Class of 1999 JRW Core

"Listening to the Lemonheads, Guster and Sugar Ray in Worcester, Newport, Peterson and at Foxwoods on a boat!"



Lauren Ofria '99, Elizabeth Tucci '99 & Meghan McCabe '99

"At the Yuck Truck!"



Sean Bartlett '99 & Jess Prosser '99

"Reprimanded in Fr. McPhail's office!"



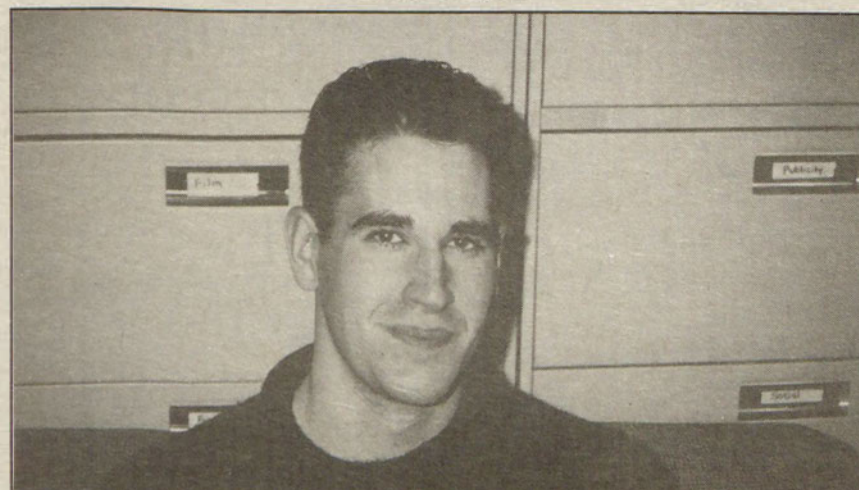
Kristen Thornton '99 & Sean McHugh '99

"Knowing our roommates, we will probably be sleeping on the couch!"



Jill Brannelly '99, Kelly Laird '99, Jacqueline Lamarre '99 & Shannon Barber '99

"Barefoot and pregnant!"



Bill Henzy '99

"Hopefully anywhere but the Providence Police Department!"



Lisa Mannix '99, Kevin Hunter '99 & Marybeth McKeever '99

"In Kevin's bed!"

Matty: "In the arms of my beautiful buxom date, commando style!"

Rizzo: "Hopefully doing the walk of shame from the 5th to the 6th floor!"

Powerful Prayer

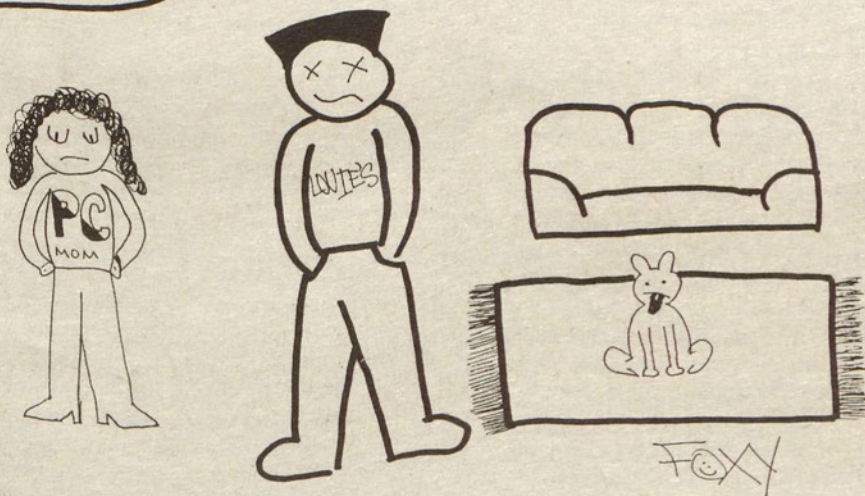
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As the washing machine hits the spin cycle, Chris mistakes the violent shaking for THE SIGN. He grew up to be a priest.

READJUSTING TO HOMELIFE

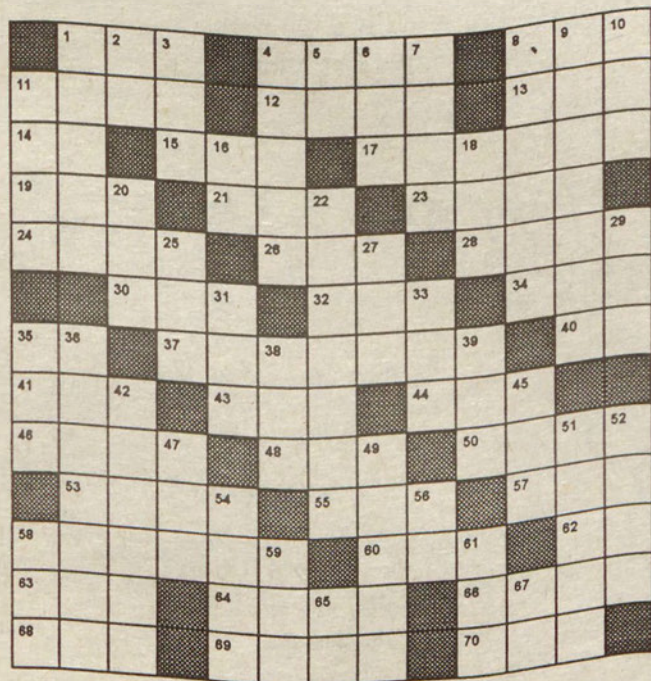
This 'Brad' friend of yours seems like he's A bad influence on you, your language is awful!



TOP 10 REASONS TO GO TO THE JRW...

10. RELIVE YOUR PROM!
9. Get beat up by some other City's Police Department...
8. That FUN busride with ALL Those Drunk People - and no bathroom
7. Matty + Rizzo will be there!
6. More jewelry for the gangs to steal during their initiation...
5. You FINALLY MANAGED TO FIND A DATE!!
4. It's fun to try to count how much money you spent the night before!
3. SEE HOW MANY CITIES WE'LL GET KICKED OUT OF!
2. PEER PRESSURE - it'll make ya feel good!
1. It's the best weekend you'll never remember!

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ACROSS

- 1 Able
- 4 Pop
- 8 Ocean
- 11 Lady
- 12 Former Russian emperor
- 13 Small bug
- 14 Article
- 15 7th Greek letter
- 17 Elater
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- 21 King Cole
- 23 Opera solo
- 24 Expression of sorrow
- 26 Dine
- 28 Mistakes
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- 32 17th Greek letter
- 34 Self
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- 37 Tongue
- 40 Prefix meaning "in"
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- 43 Done
- 44 Haul
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- 48 Gang
- 50 Substance

DOWN

- 1 Water channel
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- 4 Old
- 5 Bone
- 6 Bit
- 7 Region
- 8 Irony
- 9 Grow
- 10 Dined
- 11 Information
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- 18 Before (Poetic)
- 20 Gap
- 22 Earl's territory
- 25 Unhappy
- 27 Article
- 29 Father's boy
- 31 Free
- 33 Fall month (abbr.)
- 35 Sash
- 36 Tell
- 38 Focus
- 39 Clothes
- 42 Type of dive
- 45 Sage
- 47 Gripe
- 49 Basic
- 51 Serious
- 52 Allowance
- 54 Season of fasting
- 56 Achieve
- 58 Woe
- 59 Fish eggs
- 61 Sucker
- 65 Eastern state (abbr.)
- 67 Exist

Intentions, Expectations A Touch of Fiction

By LORI D. MCCREVAN '99
FEATURES STAFF

She lost her innocence without even knowing. She wanted to follow her heart, but it was filled with all of the things that she could not let go of. Her latest escape: vodka. I watched as she lay in the middle of the street, pointing out the stars to me. It was eerie. She could remember the star formations that she learned in her astronomy class two years ago, but my name was a struggle. It had been a while, but we had a history. Had. Apparently, that was the issue.

I wanted to take her home, but my friends urged me not to. They told me that it would only hurt me, being with her again. Truthfully, I think they only used the looking-out-for-you approach because they needed me to drive their drunk asses home. Regardless, I listened to them, not her silent cries. I coaxed her out of the street, telling her that there was a better view from Kevin's lawn. The threat of cars would mean nothing to her now. She hugged me, said she loved me, and pointed out the Big Dipper for the thirtieth time. I smiled, humored her, and told her I had to go.

"Don't go," she pleaded, slightly slurring her words.

"I have to," I explained.

She glared at me and went back into the house.

My friends complimented me on being strong.

I made sure that my friends staggered safely back to the apartment. By the end of the short drive, I was annoyed. I had a low tolerance for extremely drunk people. They repeatedly thanked me for driving them home; thanked me for being sober. It almost made me want to start drinking again.

I assumed that they were all going to bed, but that would be too much to ask. They moved on to the beer they had stored in the fridge. I excused myself, not wanting to witness the mayhem. I would be able to sleep when they passed out or decided that they had had too much — whichever came first. I was glad that this was not a usual occurrence for my roommates. Otherwise, I would have to move out.

As I wandered the streets (not a good idea late at night), my thoughts returned to Megan. I knew it was wrong to be worried about her. She did this to herself. Regardless, I found that my feet led me back to Kevin's house. The cars had cleared out of the driveway, giving the grass room to breathe. I was hesitant to knock on the door, but felt that it was necessary.

Kevin answered, already looking hungover.

"Hey, is Megan still here?" I asked.

"Are the stars still out?"

I looked at him, confused.

"She has been telling us about every star in the sky," he explained. I could not help laughing.

"Please take her home," he begged, leading me into the house. "Patrick!" she called as I entered the room.

"Megan, it's time to go home," I told her. I did not want to waste my time talking to the inebriated people that were only waiting for me to take her home.

"Now?" she asked.

"Now."

"With you?" she asked with a shudder in her voice.

"With me."

"Okay," she said, drunkenly cheerful.

We spent fifteen minutes looking for her sneakers, ten minutes for her socks, and two minutes for her jacket. We abandoned the socks, and I led her out the door. I held her hand, making sure that she was stable. Also, I did not want her lying in the street again. Busy streets do not welcome stargazers. We didn't say anything. Well, she didn't say anything. For the first time that night she was silent. That bothered me. It was not until we entered the building, after fumbling for the keys that she swore were left at Kevin's, that she spoke.

"So why didn't we?" she asked in front of her door, looking as though she was not going to let me in unless she approved of my answer.

"It was not the right time," I told her again.

"No."

"Will you tuck me in?" she asked sincerely.

I wanted to take her home, but my friends urged me not to. They told me that it would only hurt me, being with her.

I followed her in the door.

Her room was cleaner than I remembered. Maybe her mother had just come for a visit. She saw me looking, and threw her jacket on the floor to make it look more like I remembered.

"Change," I told her. "I'll get you some water."

I searched the cabinets for her green cup, knowing that it would make her smile. I retrieved it from the back of the cabinet and filled it with water.

I knocked on the door before entering, and found that she was already in bed. I handed her the glass of water, but she gave it back.

"Not that cup," she told me.

"Why not?"

"It is bad luck," she said without explaining.

"Fine. Don't have any water," I said and got up to leave. I thought she had stopped the games.

"Wait," she said. "Give me the water."

I handed her the water.

"You'll see. I'm going to have a bad day," she retorted.

I got up to leave again.

"Wait," she begged. "Don't leave me by myself."

Why I stayed, I don't know.

We talked. It was nice. Her bitterness left, and I think she stopped hating me for the time that I was there. It suddenly occurred to me that she had remembered my name when I returned to the party. She probably asked one of my friends.

"Why didn't you call me?" she asked.

"I'm not good at the whole one-night thing," I explained.

"You weren't that drunk," she said.

"Yeah, I was sober enough to make the right choice."

"I wouldn't have hated you," she said.

"I would have hated myself," I told her.

She was silent. I guess that was the point in which she realized that I left that night because I wished that I had not met her in a bar. She was the one that I would have wanted to run into in a class and

have fallen in love with by the time that it was over. She was not the kind of girl that I expected to walk home with from a bar. She was too good for my intentions.

"Thank you," she said, snuggling into her covers.

I tucked the covers around her chin and closed her bedroom door. I collapsed on the couch, closing

my eyes. If she wanted to experiment with her life, then it was going to be under my control. She was more than she ever gave herself credit for. I didn't know how much of the conversation she would remember in the morning, but in her heart she would know why I was there.

Happiness Is A Warm Pet—Or, Here's To Binky!

By JASON D'ACCHIOLI '00

FEATURES STAFF

As I was walking to class the other day, my mind a jumbled cross between carbocations and Goethe, I encountered a squirrel. "A squirrel?" you say. "So what. PC is infested with squirrels. For all we know, they're the ones running the college and teaching the courses — it's probably our tuition money keeping the li'l porkers so plump!" Now, now boys and girls, don't be so hasty to pass judgment on our fine, furry friends. One reason (and the most important, I might add) you shouldn't be too quick to judge squirrels is I happen to like them. The other reason, though, is the one that I think will appeal to the animal lover in all of you — do you treat *your* pets in such a way?

Everyone out there with a pet raise your hand! Now lower it because the people sitting next to you are staring. OK. That done, I want you to sit back and get an image of your pet in your head. Got it yet? (Come on, you daydream in class anyway; you may as well waste your time constructively.) Is it a cat or a dog? A goldfish or an iguana? A guinea pig or a hamster? A mouse or a rabbit? What color is it? Does it purr, squeak, or squeal when you come near it? Can you remember the when you brought it home? Can you remember how happy it *made* you? Do you know how happy it *makes* you? Can you imagine doing anything to protect it from harm?

While you're mulling over it, allow me to relate *my* pet experience to you. For a little over two

**There's only
one word to
describe Binky
-- spoiled!**

years I have been the proud owner of an Abyssinian guinea pig. Binky (that's her name, in case you were wondering) is an adorable bundle of fluff whose only purpose in the universe is to eat, sleep, and look cute. A pudgy ball of gray and white fur, Binky was rescued from a high school Biology teacher's class. While in school, Binky was subjected to a multitude of tortures, including: being taped to the wall; being placed in a bag of bagels, only to emerge looking like Marlon Brando; and being fed Alka-Seltzer tablets to see if she would explode. Ever since I took her "away from it all," Binky has been living the life of a princess. She is constantly fed an assortment of fruits, vegetables, Italian cookies, and after dinner mints (you had to be there). She watches TV from a special window we cut in her cage — she doesn't want for anything! There's only one word to describe Binky — spoiled. But if there is one thing that I can say for

Binky, it's that she has brought immeasurable joy to me and my family, and that's something we love her for.

Now back to *you* and your pet. Has anything I've said hit home? Do any of you have the same feelings that I do? If the answer is yes, then you've got my point. If the answer is no, then I'll spell my point out in small, ten point font. Animals (especially small, cute, furry ones) bring all of us tremendous happiness. They lift our spirits when we come home after a long day (or a long semester). They don't care what we look like, what we sound like, or how we think — they love us for who we are. They brighten a depressing mood with the twitch of a button nose, or the flip of an ear. How many of you take out a wallet-size picture of your pet to cheer you up while you're at work—hmmmm? Even I've been known to do so on occasion; in fact, there are pictures of Binky in front of me now....

I hope what I've said has struck a chord in some of you. Pets are a saving grace for many of us — they help us forget our pains, and they never fail to bring a smile to our face. So the next time you see a squirrel on campus, don't throw acorns at it. Think of Binky, and all the pets you know, and how you'd feel if you knew they were being mocked or abused. Treat them with the respect they deserve, and always remember the joy they've given, and continue to give, to you.

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THE ADVICE CORNER:

Friendly Friar

Dear Friendly Friar,

I have a pretty big problem having to do with a certain girl in my life. We had been dating for a fairly long time, but we have recently broken up. The reason: basically, we fought all the time. I still think that this was a pretty good reason to end our relationship, but she keeps calling me, telling me that she does not agree. Whenever she calls, I end up going over to her apartment. Then we either make-up or fight. I admit that I am a little lonely, and that's probably the reason that I talk to her in the first place. My loneliness has gotten me tangled up in a very messy situation. Neither of us can cut the "ties that bind," and it's getting too complicated.
Fit to be tied,
M.J.

Dear M.J.,

Obviously this girl is just as lonely as you, and she is reaching out in any way possible. Given your extended past together, her attempts to talk are turning into much more. You have to make the decision of which direction you want this transitional relationship to go. At this point, it sounds like you are going right back into the kind of relationship that you wanted to end in the first place. Do you want to be with her if things are more amiable, or do you want to be single? You have to ask yourself questions like these and answer them honestly. When these decisions are made, you have to act on them.
Talk to her and tell her how you feel. Ask her why she feels the need to hang on after the two of you broke up. Explain to her the decision that you made and your

reasons behind it. As it seems, your ex will be inclined to go along with your decision to get back together more than she would with your decision to remain single. No matter how much she fights, you have to stand your ground — for your own sanity. You have to do what you want, and not what she wants you to do. It may be lonely at first, but you cannot go back for that reason alone.
I hope this response to your question made a difficult situation a little easier to deal with. Good luck.
Satisfied with Singlehood,
Friendly Friar

Need Advice? Write to: Friendly Friar, Friar Box 182981.

Did I Mention I'm A Little Excited for the Weekend?

By Heather Robin Rose '99
Features Staff

With JRW, the primary topic of discussion for everyone in the Class of 1999, just a few days away, I thought I'd take this time to address a few JRW things I have on my mind.
Flowers: I have this theory that you can tell how your evening will go by the kind of flowers your date brings you the night of the formal. I mean, if he brings a dozen roses, he's definitely looking for a little more than a one-night date. If he brings some random mix that he picked up at Shaw's just moments before, he's not exactly into the whole thing. And the whole boutonniere thing. My friends and I really wanted to be original. We tried. Everyone in the world gets roses so we wanted to be different. Well, it didn't work. Carnations were out of the question and

daisies weren't exactly what we were looking for. Then these other ones just weren't going to match. So after all the effort of trying to be original, we ended up numbers 100, 101, and 102 on the list of those ordering roses.
Classes: I really think that we should petition to have all Friday and Monday classes optional to the junior class. Those of us who actually attend we won't be able to pay attention, and the rest of us will be recovering in bed. And what's up with all the tests? It's bad enough that we are supposed to go to class, but it's even worse when the teacher is giving a test. Yeah, right, like I'm going to feel like studying Sunday night.
ID Bracelets: Why did I even bother buying new jewelry when the JRW Core has so carefully picked out these beautiful plastic wristbands?
Guys in Tuxes: Need I say

more?
The "Mysterious" Special Event: So everyone has pretty much figured out the location, but enough already with the rumors about the band. Months ago, everyone was absolutely positive that it was "definitely" going to be Sugar Ray. Then it was "definitely" The Lemonheads. We'll find out soon enough, so just leave it at that. Oh, did I mention that I heard it was going to be...
Superlatives: Remember back in high school, when the senior class voted on things like "Best Dressed" and "Most Likely to Sky Dive Naked" (I swear that one's in my yearbook!)? Well, some of my roommates and I decided to have a special edition of "JRW Superlatives" with categories such as "Most Likely to Dance with Guys Other Than Her Date," "Most Likely to Have a Crisis While Getting Ready," and "Person Whose Date is Most Likely to Grope Her All Evening." Winners will be announced on Friday.
I guess that's about all I have to say about JRW, although I'm sure I could write an entire issue by myself about the topic. Anyway, to all 1100+ people going, I hope you have a great time!

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Going Domestic

BY ELLEN MASTROSTEFANO '99
FEATURES STAFF

I remember the last time I brushed my teeth in my room on the first floor of Aquinas last year. It took me eight months, but I had finally learned that when I bent down to spit, I had to watch my head on the way up. It seems that the medicine cabinet door always mysteriously popped open just in time for me to whack my head as I finished. Packing up my stuff later that day, I thought about all of the crazy experiences I had had living in the dorms. The communal showers and bathrooms, the BDBs, the security guards on duty... Would I miss these characteristic yet trivial idiosyncrasies? Probably not. I'm on to bigger and better things!

The apartments. A wave of jealousy would always run over me whenever I would come back home to my cell block (um, I mean dorm room) after an amount of time spent in the apartments. The apartments always seemed like they had more — more space to put stuff, more cool people, and simply put, more fun. Plus, I loved the idea of being able to make a grilled cheese sandwich any hour of the day. As I locked my door in Aquinas for the last time, I couldn't help but smile.

Morning came and evening followed; it was the summer. Time to figure out which roommate was going to bring which household appliance. A blender was first on our list (for energy shakes, of course). However, I was assigned to get the dishpan and rack for our kitchen sink. So, I found myself in the "housewares" section of some cheesy store with money I had obtained from my weekly pay-

check. I was completely surrounded by dish accessories in a myriad of shapes and colors. When I made my purchase and drove home, I was inclined to show off my brand spanking new dishpan to my parents who, strangely enough, did not share in my enthusiasm. Some very weird things were coming out of my mouth like, "Isn't it cute?" What in the hell was I thinking? My parents have always had a dishpan and I never thought of it as being cute! Mine was different, though. I think it was because I had bought it with my own money. I could do anything I wanted with it. I could wash dishes

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in my room if I really wanted to. It was also the first grown-up thing I ever owned. I would never again venture into the pink Barbie Doll aisle of Kay Bee Toys. Instead, I will join the ranks of those who came before me and bargain hunt for things like vacuums (gasp!).

Ah, what a sad fate. I think the best way to deal with this realization is to take it in stride. We may have a substantial amount of responsibilities to uphold, but we always have the option to pick up the phone and say, "mommy..." As an addendum to my article, my quest for the perfect dishpan was only in vain. My roommates and I have discovered another invention that is a bit more to our liking. You may have heard of it. It's called the dishwasher.

BY ALI FALLON '98
FEATURES STAFF

The most desired tables in Raymond used to be the ones on the far left when you walked in. You know, the ones that are now part of the "dark side of the cafe". Why were these tables so popular? Because unlike the way it is presently set up, everyone had to exit through the side door, the one that leaves you by the elevator shaft in Raymond (it was made clear by the orientation leaders that it was very uncool to use the front door to exit). So, if you sat at these tables you got great seats to people watch as everyone left. This is only the first thing that comes to mind when I think of all of the changes Ray has undergone since my freshman year. Upperclassmen, see how many of these things about the old cafe you remember, and for everyone who didn't have the luxury of eating meals at the old cafe, you can imagine what it must have been like.

Smoking is the next obvious thing to pop into mind. I can hardly remember what it was like when people were allowed to smoke in the cafeteria. Now, it seems so strange to think about, but yes tons of people did smoke after their meals on the smoking side of the cafeteria (which was the side all the way to the far left by where you exited). I can't remember when exactly this policy was changed, although I do think that it was still allowed my sophomore year (three years ago).

Of course the most obvious changes are in the physical set up itself. Now we have long tables throughout Raymond. Back

then, there were only long tables on the far sides of the cafeteria. The majority of it was comprised of four person tables that had to be pushed together to accommodate larger parties. There were usually two salad bars open, complete with a so-called pasta bar. You remember, the one that had wet pasta stuck to the bottom and a big container of gross looking cheese next to it. In addition, at the end of the pasta bars were Belgium waffles makers (which you were allowed to use yourself) and various toppings.

Speaking of toppings, now there are tubs of cream cheese and butter for everyone to use. Well, back then you got these spreads in individual serving size packages, which was perfect for when you wanted to bring a bagel or something back to your dorm room. Now, you either have to butter your bagel before you leave, which is a hassle, or you are out of luck. Also, have you ever thought about how gross it is that we share tubs of stuff with half of the student population? Cereal used to come in individual sizes; no dispensers like those that we have now.

There were big tubs of marshmallow fluff and peanut butter at the ends of the two, identical hot food lines. There was also a huge container of sprinkles, which was filled with clumpy, gross sprinkles because of tons of frozen yogurt having fallen into it since there was no spoon to scoop them on with. In addition, there was no ice cream, only frozen yogurt. And, for some odd reason that I could never quite figure out, the ketchup and mustard dispensers were all the way over by the

frozen yogurt, next to the sprinkles. At least back then the frozen yogurt used to come in good, rotating flavors. It seems now that the only choices are chocolate and vanilla, and that is only if the machine is working. Desserts used to be found right on the hot food line also.

The meal plan itself was also very different my freshman year. First of all, there was no seven-meal plan offered. It was all or nothing; therefore, you had to choose either a fifteen or nineteen meals per week plan. Until second semester of that year, you could not use your card in Alumni or Mural either, only in Raymond. Just imagine what that meant for people with a full meal plan, three meals a day in Ray, that is it, no options. Luckily second semester of that year they changed the meal plan to one similar to what we have now.

Only one quarter of the population of this school had the joy of experiencing the really old Ray. With every year, more and more changes have been made, like three years ago when they added the infamous grill line (I'm scared to know how many people's diet consisted of

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.

-MARIE CURIE

chicken patties and fries!); or when they brought in those cereal dispensers that you had to turn like a vending machine and were constantly getting stuck. Then, two years ago the major changes in the whole look of the cafeteria took place. Everyone always talks about how different Alumni is now and while that is true, Ray has gone through its fair share of alterations. For all of you who did not have the opportunity to experience the old cafeteria, consider yourself lucky! You may complain about the cafeteria now, but you should have seen it then!

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Slam! and Now We're Stuck

By JILL YABLONSKI '00
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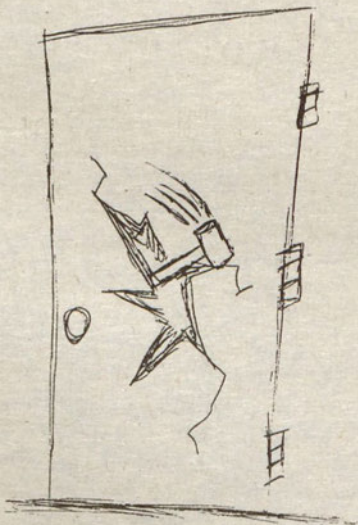
I am sure we've all been, at one time or another, locked out of our respective homes, cars, and dorm rooms. I can't even tell you how many times I've found myself stranded on my deck after school, or calling my parents from my neighbor's house. I know it's a shocker, but I've never been locked out of my car. Granted, I've only been driving for roughly two years, and you know I won't get through life without that happening to me at least once, but as of right now my luck appears to be everlasting. And let's face it, those five push-button locks you find on the doors here are quite possibly one of the hardest things you have to adjust to at PC. How many people did you see standing in front of their doors at orientation, in a mixed state of confusion and frustration? I'll admit it; I was one of those clueless individuals. Now here's a loaded question, how many of you have ever been stuck inside of your dorm room? Yes, that's right, my freshman year roomies and I had the unique honor of being among the distinguished few who have been physically trapped inside of their room. It's an honor that holds a special place in my heart, right next to the spot reserved for our shiny new lockless doorknob.

Apparently, the two men who came from the physical plant to help us were not amused.

It appeared to be the beginning of a normal day. I was returning from the bathroom, where I had just finished showering for my first class, when I realized I couldn't close our door. Figuring I was temporarily door-challenged I asked my roommates for help. One of them, after what could be called a self-proclaimed stroke of genius, decided to slam it. She succeeded in shutting it—a little too well. A couple of minutes later my other roommate tried to get out and discovered that we were stuck. I had never been locked inside a room where I couldn't just unlock the door and walk away. I was of absolutely no help, but then again I hadn't gotten us into this situation to begin with.

This was a new experience for all three of us; so we came up with the great solution of calling everyone we knew and telling them about our dilemma. Seriously, we weren't just calling the girls on our floor, but people who didn't even live in our dorm, as if they were going to do anything more than laugh at us from across campus. All right, so we did eventually get around to calling Security, who connected us to the physical plant, but they didn't come to our rescue until there was a little crowd gathered around our door. For a brief time we were it; the whole wing was concerned about us. I continued to get ready for Civ while the other two took turns talking to our neighbors who were now standing outside of our door giving us detailed accounts of our rescue workers' efforts. Apparently, the two men who came from the physical plant to help us were not amused. They didn't want to speak to us over the phone so they shouted through the ever-growing hole in our wall.

It was about an hour or so after we made our initial call before we saw that sledge hammer come crashing through where our doorknob once was. The events that took place before that moment were pretty funny (well, maybe not), but I know that at least one person is going to find this article amusing. Eventually, the truth came through to us. Somehow the lock on our door handle, which serves no purpose, locked and trapped us. Ironic? I'm really not sure, but anyway....As I look back, I can honestly say that their level of desire to get us out of there was about the equivalent of our wish to stay in. Whether that was a good or bad thing, I haven't a clue.



Why...?

By SARAH A. VALENTE '99
FEATURES EDITOR

Why do you always wake up in the middle of a good dream but nightmares seem to last forever?

Why does Mr. Peanut wear a top hat and carry a cane?

Why doesn't the Pillsbury Doughboy ever get any fatter?

Why do the Simpson children never get any older?

Why do Rhode Island drivers pull out too far from side streets?

Why are there only one-way streets in downtown Providence?

Why is shipping and handling so expensive?

Why do places like J. Crew, Abercrombie & Fitch, The Gap, and Banana Republic charge so much?

Why aren't there any CVS' in Texas?

Why does one hour film developing take longer than one hour?

Why is there a Starbucks on every block in Boston?

Why is Daytona Beach the most popular place to go for spring break?

Why do most license plates in Rhode Island have two letters and three numbers (AB-123)?

Why is the paint color eggshell off-white when eggshells are really white?

Why are low-fat and fat-free foods so much more expensive than food with fat in it?

Why do girls dorms have parietals and guys dorms don't?

Why can't registration be easy?

Why do M&M's actually melt in your hand?

Why do they call them apartments when they're all stuck together?

Why is there a fake window in the COWL office?

Weather, Or Not

By COLLEEN LEE '00
FEATURES STAFF

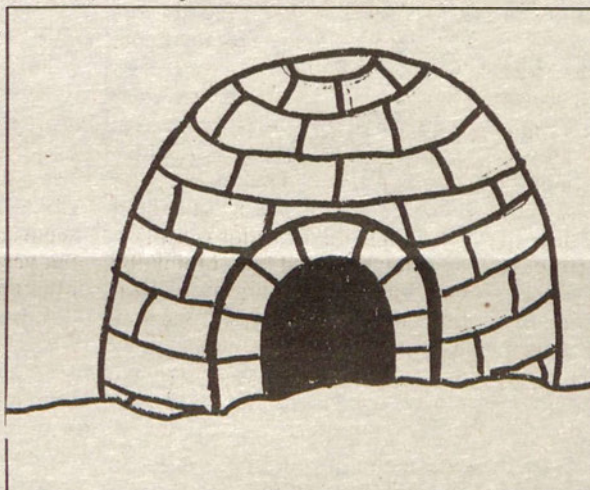
Snow. Ice. Frostbite. You might as well say Buffalo because that is precisely what you think when you hear those three words, or any others related to them. But, in defense of my hometown, that self-proclaimed Siberian pocket of Western New York, I must say that it is not that bad. It is really the television coverage of our infamous football team that broadcasts the reputation of frozen-tundra land, because the stadium is plopped south of the city, right smack dab in the middle of the snow belt. The weather in the rest of the area doesn't even compare. Nevertheless, people always assume that because I'm from Buffalo, I have a snow shovel in my back pocket.

It's funny how one little stereotype makes weather a predominant topic of conversation in my life—with my family, with my friends,

and yes, even with strangers! When the conversation runs dry I can't say, "Hmm, how about the weather?"—that one has already been exhausted. All that leaves me with is, "How about those Bills?" Um, yeah, that's a death wish here

fact, New England winters aren't exactly pleasant either. If I remember correctly, I sure could have used that snow shovel (the one in my back pocket) last year, after spring break. It would have been nice to have dug a path anywhere away from the dorms!

It doesn't even have to be cold in Providence for one to find fault in the weather here. Is it just me, or does it rain every day? Sometimes it seems like even more often! Don't forget about the wind; it brings a whole new meaning to the term "airflow." I truly believe that Providence weather enables one to make the transformation of ordinary human being into the world traveler, Mary Poppins. I'll take my igloo in Buffalo any day, thanks.



at PC. The poor city just cannot win.

I always thought it odd that Buffalo bears the brunt of so many jokes. Honestly, I could think of much worse places to live, with much more snow, much more ice, and much, much more frostbite. In

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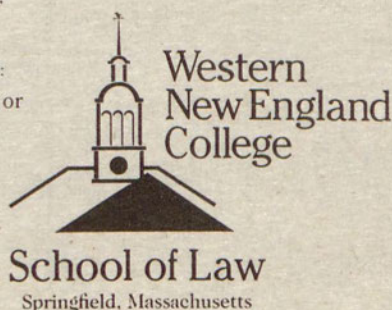
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As the Puck Bounces, So 'Coes' the Friars

By JOHN CARCHEDI '98
SPORTS EDITOR

It's about time we get one of these.

The game was tied 5-5, and with .2 seconds remaining in overtime of the men's hockey team's game against Minnesota-Duluth Friday, Friar defenseman Rich Miller wristed one last hope towards the Bulldog net.

Junior forward Jon Coe, who leapt off the bench for a final change, bee-lined towards the net, greeted the puck in front, and tipped it home.

Friars win.

The emotion carried over into Saturday's contest with the Bulldogs, where the Friars completed a sweep over their WCHA with a 3-0 shutout.

"Last year we had a few of those go against us," explained Friar Head Coach Paul Pooley, whose team lifted its record to 3-2. "It was nice to actually win a game like that. We'd feel we played pretty well but didn't get anything for it. This game we got some credit for working hard. That was nice to see."

While offense took over in Friday's eleven-goal shootout (one of which came on a UMD penalty shot), Saturday belonged to the Friar defense. PC held Duluth to just 24 shots, and only four in the third period. All 24 shots were turned away by freshman goalie Boyd Ballard for his first career shutout.

Saturday night, the Friars led 2-

0 after the first period on goals by sophomore Nick Lent and senior captain Mike Mader. But the Friars were not content in the locker room.

"I think we're starting to grow up a little bit in the sense that we didn't play that well in the first period even though we were up 2-0," said Pooley. "We heard it in the dressing room from a couple guys: 'Hey, let's not kid ourselves. We have to make sure we pick it up a little bit.'"

"That's a good sign," the coach added. "You have to admit that you're not playing well before you play better. Sometimes guys think they're playing well and they're not, and then you're in trouble."

The Friars came out in the second and third period and smothered the Bulldog offense, allowing eight shots in the second and just the four in the third.

Sophomore defenseman Dave Gunderson converted feeds from junior Troy Lake and Jerry Keefe for the Friars' third goal, and the game was iced.

Friday night,

Coe tallied two goals, while Nick Sinerate, Mike Omicioli, Fernando Pisani, and Keefe notched one. Goalie Mark Kane turned away 31 shots, including three huge ones in sudden death.

The Friars will face Army this Friday at West Point. The Black and White then return home Sunday for a Big Hockey East tilt with UMass Lowell, the team that defeated PC in last year's Hockey East Tournament. Game time is 2pm.

Last year we had a few of those go against us. It was nice to actually win a game like that.

Volleyball Wins Pair, Tourney Hopes Alive

By KEN MARTIN '99
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

You can't say they don't know how to make it exciting.

Facing possible elimination from the Big East Tournament for the third consecutive year, the Providence volleyball team needed to win both its games last weekend at home in Alumni Hall. And that's exactly what they did, taking matches from Big East rivals UConn, 3-1 (15-4, 16-14, 4-15, 15-10) and St. John's, 3-0 (15-9, 15-9, 15-9) on Friday and Saturday.

The pair of wins improve Providence's overall record to 21-12, but more importantly raises its Big East record to 4-5, leaving a glimmer of hope that the Friars can make the six-team Big East Tournament to be played at Seton Hall on the 22nd and 23rd of November.

But it won't be easy.

The Friars will need road victories against Villanova and Georgetown this weekend, teams that are currently playing good volleyball. Villanova now stands at second place in the conference with a record of 7-2 and Georgetown, despite a 3-6 record, is coming off a big upset win against Pittsburgh.

Yet, even if Providence is able to sweep this weekend, its Big East destiny will still be uncertain—two scenarios will decide the Friars post-season fate. PC could end up in a three-way tie for fifth place with West Virginia and Pittsburgh. If this is the case, PC will be eliminated due to head-to-head records. However, Providence can also end up in a tie for sixth-place with UConn which would eliminate the Huskies and send the Friars packing for the tourney.

"Nothing is guaranteed for us right now," Providence Head Coach Ken Nichols said. "We need to win both our games and see what happens after that. Right now I think we are very focused and playing good volleyball."

"We need to do the same things we did this past weekend and carry it into our final two games with Villanova and Georgetown," senior co-captain Kristen Kam said. "In the past, one weekend we showed up to play and then the next we didn't. This weekend everyone has to be ready to play or it's over."

In Friday night's game versus UConn, the Friars were led by junior Sherryll Jones who tallied a team-high 20 kills and 17 digs. PC utilized Jones' effort to combine for a .382 hitting percentage in game one while holding UConn to a .200 percentage at the net.

Freshman standout Heidi Filippi notched 17 kills versus UConn and combined for a total of 27 for the weekend. For her efforts, Filippi was named Providence College's Athlete of the Week. Filippi also earned Big East Rookie of the Week honors for the week of 11/10.

Against St. John's, PC held the Red Storm to a .053 hitting percentage as only one St. John's player hit over .000 for the match. Senior Heidi Brady totaled eight kills, nine digs and two assist blocks while committing no offensive errors.

Swimming Bows to UMass

By KIM GALIPEAU '99
SPORTS STAFF

Though the PC swimming and dive teams didn't bring home a win from their trip to UMass Amherst this weekend, coach John O'Neill is pleased with the team's work and is looking forward to the season ahead.

"We're swimming great," admit Coach O'Neill. "We've been training really hard and just about everybody has been putting up times quite a bit faster than last year's best times during the season already."

Though the men's team lost to UMass by a margin of 62 points, and the UMass women beat PC 179 to 63, O'Neill and the rest of the Friars are still focused on keeping up the effort they've already begun to put forth.

"(Losing the meet) didn't take away from what we're aiming to do in our meets, which is to work hard and swim our best," said O'Neill. "We committed to really working hard this fall and it's already showing. We swam real well and we got outscored but we're swimming a pretty strong schedule."

The Friar men were led by junior Jed Michnowicz, who took first place in the 1000, 500, and 200

Freestyle events. Also with first place wins for PC was senior Steve Brown in the 200 Butterfly and the 200 IM, and junior Sean Connell in the 200 Backstroke.

The only win for the women came from the 200 Freestyle Relay team consisting of juniors Guerin Anglim, Michelle Hackmer, and Carla Clemente, and senior Kathleen Kelly. However the Friars grabbed numerous second place finishes including freshman Lori Cosman in both the 100 and 200 Freestyle events, and Clemente in both the 50 Freestyle and 200 Backstroke. Sophomore Karen Cardwell and senior co-captain Shannon Najjar added two more second place finishes in the 1000 Freestyle and the 200 Butterfly respectively. Also coming in second was the 400 Medley Relay team consisting of Cardwell, Anglim, junior Jane Thompson, and freshman Maggie Singler.

"Our swims are strong, the attitudes are good and we're just continuing to work hard and to put up some real good first half times," said O'Neill. "That's our goal in the first half, to swim real well, ahead of last year's pace, and do well in the classroom and get some good grades as well."

Former Friars Looking for Gold

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playing a full season required a serious commitment. They worked us hard here, but it made us stronger."

Granato is a six-time member of the U.S. National team and is its all-time leading scorer. She is without a doubt the game's most popular player. She is seen on posters with NHL players and even has her own line of equipment.

"She's definitely gotten the most focus of all of our players," commented Coach Barto. "It doesn't surprise me at all, she has great personality and is a phenomenal player."

A teammate of Granato's for two seasons was Stephanie O'Sullivan, a smooth skating forward who was named ECAC Player of the Year in 1995. This year is O'Sullivan's fourth tour with Team USA. O'Sullivan was a huge part of the continued success of the women's hockey program at PC. She seemed excited to be back where it all started;

"It was weird coming in here today and sitting in the visitor's bench. I've been looking forward to this for a while. Just seeing some of the familiar places on campus today brought back all those memories."

"It's just such a great program here," O'Sullivan continued. "We had such great coaches and great players. Coach Barto always challenged us, she wouldn't take it easy on us. Discipline was the key—it's what I was taught here... it made me a better player."

Coach Barto will go down in PC athletic history as one of the school's finest athletes in her own right. Barto captained the ice-

hockey, field hockey, and softball teams while at Providence. She was instrumental in the school's first ever ECAC Championship, won by women's ice hockey in 1984.

When asked if Barto wished she had the opportunity to play in the Olympics she grinned and looked up for a moment.

"Absolutely, without a doubt. They talked about having a team in '84 and then in '88 but it never worked out. For a long time it was all I wanted to do. I dreamed of playing in the '88 Olympics and representing my country."

When asked what her goal was this season, O'Sullivan answered, "Nothing less than a gold medal at the 1998 Olympic Games."

It seems player and coach, any every other player have all had the same dream.

When I was a kid, I used to pretend I was Mike Eruzione, flying down the wing, stick-handling my way through a crowd of Russian defenders, accepting the chants of "USA! USA! USA!" as I buried the puck in the wind-worn twine. I knew he was my hero when I saw him receive his gold medal, the national anthem playing behind him, an ear-to-ear grin on his face incapable of hiding his joy.

After this Winter, a little girl somewhere will have the same dream I had, only she will be Cammi Granato, or Laurie Baker, or Stephanie O'Sullivan. She is the little girl in today's players who was told she wasn't strong enough, fast enough, or tough enough to play with boys. She is the player who has hung up her skates, still dreaming of what could have been and what might be.

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LADY FRIARS SET SIGHTS ON NCAA'S

By KEN MARTIN '99
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The 1997 version of the Providence women's basketball team is situated in a circle at center court of Alumni Gym, stretching and getting ready for another one of Head Coach Jim Jabir's intense practice sessions. Yet, this year's club doesn't seem to mind the rigorous work-outs. In fact, it's all part of a revamped philosophy that has jumped to life in the Lady Friar program.

"To be successful, to play our style of basketball, we need to practice at a very high level," said Jabir, who is in his second year at the Friar helm. "Respect all, fear

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none—that's our motto this year."

PC will try to improve on last year's 13-13 record and has its sights set on a run at the Big East title, possibly even a birth in the NCAA Tournament come March.

"We have a definite goal of making the NCAA tourney," Jabir said. "We might succeed or we might not, but I believe we have the potential to do it."

To do it PC will depend on a core of experienced upperclassmen.

In the front court, senior Kerri Chatten returns for her last season as one of the premier rebounders in the nation. As a junior, the 6-foot-1-inch Massachusetts native received Third Team All Big East honors, posting 15.8 PPG and 8.2 boards.

"Kerri is the toughest competitor I've ever been around," Jabir said. "She is able to play many positions and needs to be versatile for us this year. Her role is vital to our success."

Juniors Dana Simonelli (Toms River, NJ) and Kerri Sullivan (Walpole, MA) will provide added strength to the Friar's front line.

Simonelli has played in all but one game in her career at PC and is expected to challenge for starting duty. Sullivan, plagued with injuries throughout her first two seasons, could strengthen PC's interior defense if healthy.

At the guard positions, the Friars will depend on Mandy Saunders (Richmond, VA) and Julie Wheeler (Morgantown, WV) to carry the load.

Saunders, who returns for her fifth season after red-shirting with an ACL injury her sophomore year, will run the point guard position, a task she hasn't had to handle since her freshman year. But Jabir feels it's a task she is up for.

"Mandy is re-learning the (point guard) spot," he said. "It is solely her position, unlike last year, and she needs to learn some of the position's nuances."

Senior captain Julie Wheeler moves from the point to the shooting guard position, a more natural spot for her, and could be one of two PC players (Chatten) to surpass the 1,000 point mark this season. Last year, Wheeler sank 67 three-pointers and averaged 10.4 PPG.

Despite the veteran flavor, Providence has added a conspicuous youth ingredient to this year's

roster. Jabir's first recruiting class consists of three All-American Honorable Mentions that could quickly impact the PC line-up. Freshmen Amy Drechsler (Rochester, NY), Jen Gombotz (Southington, CT) and Dani Trippany (Massena, NY) will all see action in the paint. Drechsler was a two-time Street and Smith All American Honorable Mention, Gombotz was Connecticut Athlete of the Year and the 6-5 Trippany will be the tallest player to don a Friar uniform.

The freshmen back court will consist of Monika Roberts (Pittsburg, CA) and Abby Charbonneau (Webster, MA), both of whom will fill in for Saunders and Wheeler.

"We are very talented in a lot of areas, but we need to hone that talent from many points of view," Jabir said. "We are still trying to figure each other out—where does everyone fit? But with all the talent we have, it doesn't seem to be a bad problem to have."

"There is much character on this team, but that character is untested," Jabir added. "I believe you can have character, but to truly gauge it, it must be tested."

For PC, Those tests won't be too hard to find.

The Friars will face three opponents—Illinois, Notre Dame and Connecticut—that made last year's 64-team NCAA Tournament field. PC will play non-conference games versus Missouri State, Wake Forest and Boston University. The Friars will also travel to Puerto Rico in January for the San Juan Shootout—a tournament that includes such programs as Puerto Rico and Duke.

"As we look to improve our program, a challenging schedule is vital," says Jabir. "A tough non-conference schedule will help to prepare us for our Big East schedule."

PC opens its season on Tuesday night when it faces inter-state rival URI at the Providence Civic Center. Game time is scheduled for 6pm.

"We want to learn from our pre-season—a time when we can afford mistakes—and be ready for the one that really counts versus URI," Jabir said. "URI is our first challenge on the way to our goal of the NCAA Tournament."

The Providence College women's basketball team lost to Uralmash in its final preseason exhibition game Tuesday, 93-80. The Lady Friars won their first exhibition game versus the Nor'Easter Storm, 96-86, last week.

The Uralmash Russian Team jumped to a 56-36 lead at the break after taking a commanding 19-3 lead in the first four minutes of the game. Uralmash shot 68% from the floor for the first 20 minutes, making 22 of 32 shots.

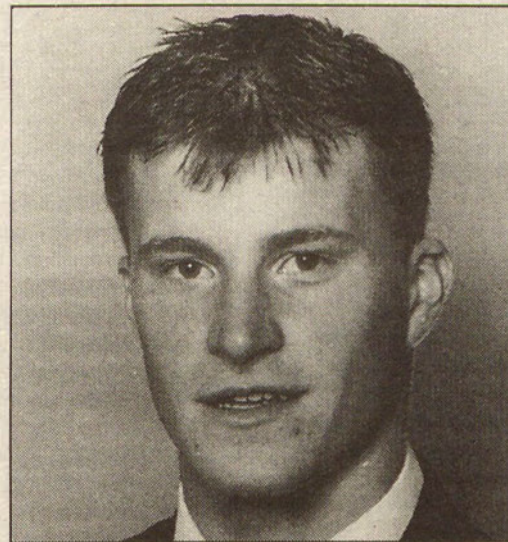
The Friars were led by senior captain Julie Wheeler (Morgantown, WV) who sank eight three-pointers and recorded 26 points in 28 minutes of action. The 5-foot-10 guard, who hit for 67 treys last season, was 8 of 14 from three-point territory. Freshman Monika Roberts tallied 13 points and senior Kerri Chatten chipped in 11 points.

PC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Heidi Filippi
Wooster, OH
Volleyball

Freshman Heidi Filippi helped to lead the volleyball team to a 2-0 record last week and was named BIG EAST Rookie of the Week. Filippi hit .356 (27 kills, 6 errors, 59 attempts) and recorded 31 digs in wins over Connecticut and St. John's.



Jon Coe
Anoka, MN
Hockey

Junior Jon Coe tallied two goals, including the game winner with one second remaining in overtime to give the men's hockey team a 6-5 win over Minnesota, Duluth on Nov. 7 in Duluth.

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Promising Fall Has Golfers Geared for Spring

By KIM GALIPEAU '99
SPORTS STAFF

While many of us have been relaxing each weekend this semester, the Providence College golf team has been traveling all over the country, pulling in a total of four top ten team finishes.

Often leading the group has been junior co-captain Rob Brennan. This fall he was the top PC scorer in four of six tournaments, including two overall Top 15 finishes. The fall performance has been a continuation of his strong sophomore campaign, where he earned Second Team All-New England honors, averaged 78.1, and finished on top for PC in seven of twelve tournaments.

"I think that relatively speaking he did well (this season)," said Head Coach Joe Prisco. "But I think he thought that this was the year where he was going to win some tournaments."

"I don't think I played any better this year than I have in the past two years," said the Springfield, Mass. native. "I think I played more consistently this year, but I

ting a very talented golfer. It was just a matter of time before he gave the rounds that he was capable of giving."

Bridgeo, who comes from Southbridge High School in Southbridge, MA, was the winner of the USGA Junior Championship last season. Though this is his first year as a Friar, he has shown he can compete at the college level.

"(College) competition was about what I thought it would be," said Bridgeo. "It was about the same competition I was playing against in the summers, so it was a familiarity. Probably the most familiar thing I have done this year has been golf."

Bridgeo, PC's top scorer in two of six tournaments and the second Friar scorer in three others, had two Top 10 overall finishes.

"He helped very much in all the tournaments," said Coach Prisco. "There were a couple of them where he got into a few bad holes which hurt him, but the potential was there from the start."

Junior co-captain Rick D'Amico, who had an outstanding season as a freshman, struggled last year as a sophomore, and is looking to get back into winning form again.

"Rick is a fine young man," commented Prisco. "He's aggressive, has a good knowledge of the game, and he works on his weaknesses to improve himself. He's very consistent in his level of play."

"The main problem for us was not focusing on our weaknesses enough. We all knew what we were doing wrong, we just didn't really get a chance to work it out."

As for the coach, Prisco is confident about the work ahead.

"The team as a whole has sufficient pride in their work," said Prisco, "and they try to help each other out. It's a great group and I'm looking forward to some interesting play in the future."

on the team," said the coach. "As the season passed the midway point, for some reason or another, his game started to deteriorate. There's no question, however, that he is going to contribute to the team in the future."

The best tournament of the season for PC was the New England Intercollegiate Golf Championship held in Mashpee, MA, where the Friars took home a fourth place finish of a 45 team field.

"Though this season wasn't exactly as I had hoped it would be, we ended on a very good note with this tournament," said Prisco.

"We ended up in fourth place which I thought was a very good showing," admit Prisco. "We were in the running after the first day and had we improved on our first day's play we probably would have had a shot at coming in first or second."

Leading the Friars was Bridgeo who finished tied for sixth, only eight strokes behind the individual winner. Ending in the Top 10 among all Division I golfers, Bridgeo was named All-New England in his rookie year. His two-day total of 150 was his best of the season.

Following Bridgeo was senior John Lombardi, from Warwick, RI, who finished ten strokes off the leader in a tie for 13th.

"(Lombardi) showed some promise last year," Prisco said. "This year, he started out not playing very well, but as it got into the beginning of October, suddenly his game started to come around."

The Friar golf team is now looking forward to the Spring season where they hope to put together their individual potentials to bring in some high team finishes.

"We lacked team consistency," said Bridgeo, "and I think everyone only had about one good tournament. We just all didn't put it together."

"I think we've got a very strong team," added Brennan. "The main problem for us was not focusing on our weaknesses enough. We all knew what we were doing wrong, we just didn't really get a chance to work it out."

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Women's Soccer Ends Season, Looks to Future

By RYAN DONAGHY '99
SPORTS STAFF

Looks can be deceiving. The Providence women's soccer team finished its season 6-11-2 overall, and the team feels it had the potential to finish with a better record. But after a closer examination, the Friars had accomplished what they set out to do this season.

Head coach Liz Wynn entered her second season with the Friars with a few goals in mind that she wanted to attain.

"Our goal was to play more consistent soccer by placing less emphasis on winning," she said. "Their goal was attained."

On the weekend of October 31, the Friars took a road trip to the Midwest to play two games, one against Big East foe Notre Dame and one non-conference match with Loyola of Chicago. The team entered this weekend coming off a disappointing 1-0 loss to Rutgers in overtime the weekend before.

"This was a raw deal for us," said Wynn. "The score didn't reflect how strong we played that game. We played very consistent soccer."

Nevertheless, the Friars picked themselves up and headed out to the Midwest with confidence. In the match versus Loyola, freshman forward Melissa Crowley broke open the game in the first half by scoring the first goal for PC. In the second half, junior midfielder Kelly McCusker scored the second goal, ensuring Providence of the 2-0 win.

Following this win, the Friars had to face the #2 team in the nation, Notre Dame. Last year, PC played the Irish in their first Big East match of the season and the outcome was not what they were looking for. This year, they wanted to have a better performance.

Wynn knew what the team had to do entering this game.

"We needed to play hard, aggressive soccer and to not be intimidated. We did do all of that, but there was still an element of intimidation in the air, especially on their turf. [Notre Dame] plays very physical soccer. We shouldn't react to what they were doing out there, but rather stick to our game plan."

"I told them to go out there and give them hell," she added. "The worst case that can happen is that we lose."

Despite all their efforts, the Friars did fall to the Irish, 7-0.

There is still one question that lurks in the air around this team: "Did frustration settling in?"

"We were getting frustrated and looking at each other wondering what we were doing wrong," said Wynn. "But our goal was to play more consistent soccer. We are playing better and we are a better team (than last year.) If we ask questions like that then we aren't going to improve. We have to keep moving ahead instead of looking back. We have to learn how to say that game is gone, let's keep our focus."

"The lucky teams are the ones that win the close games when the teams are evenly matched. We lost some tight Big East games, such as Rutgers, this season that we won't lose again next season."

So what remains for the Friars after they closed their season with a 1-0 loss to Brown last Wednesday? Wynn does insist that this season saw some great improvement.

"We were giving a good fight towards some games that we weren't even in last season. We can't go from a 2-17 season to a perfect record in one year. It's a slow process but one that can be achieved."

DUE TO EDITOR'S ERROR, LAST WEEK'S WOMEN'S SOCCER ARTICLE BY RYAN DONAGHY '99 WAS NOT LAID OUT FOR PUBLICATION. YOU CAN REACH THE SPORTS STAFF AT (401) 865-2214 WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.



Rob Brennan '99

had better finishes in my first two years."

Another player who has been, and will continue to be, central to the team is freshman newcomer Ben Bridgeo.

"Ben came in with some very good credentials," said Prisco. "I had followed his senior year in golf and some of his junior tournaments. Several people spoke on his behalf so I knew that I was get-

ting a very talented golfer. It was just a matter of time before he gave the rounds that he was capable of giving."

Other top finishers for the Friars throughout the fall season included freshman newcomer Dean Cashman from Etna, NH, and sophomore Chris Chantre of East Providence.

"(Chantre) started out the season probably as strong as anybody

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Party Crashers

Field Hockey Team Falls to BC in Season Finale

By JOHN CARCHEDI '98
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a little anti-climatic.

Providence didn't suffer its first loss until September 28, a 1-0 wrencher to UNH. But the girls bounced back with a solid win over

nal quarter of the season. The final six games the ball avoided the net like the plague, as the Black and White offense now averaged just .5 goals per game. That would be the difference.

The regular season ended, and the team was entering the Big East tournament on a down swing. And it was a very challenging field.

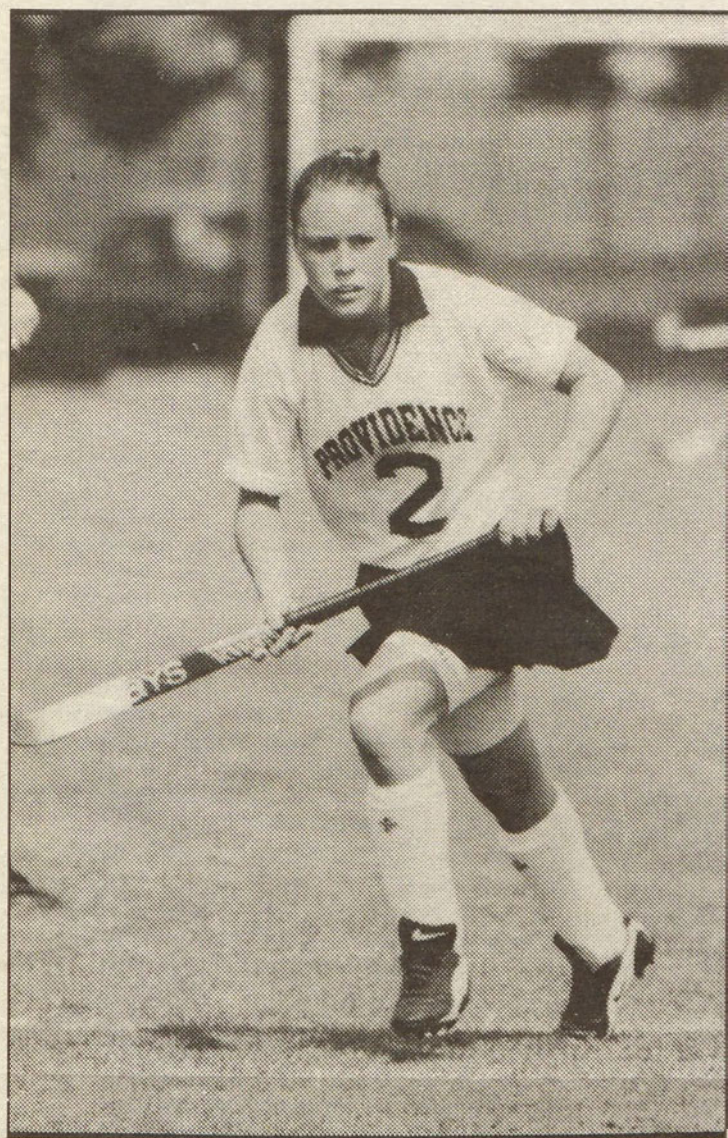
"It was a very strong conference," said Barto. "At one point it had four teams in the top 20, two in the top ten. It was very competitive, and probably the strongest it's been in the last few years."

But according to the coach, the team was up for the challenge. The first step would be against BC on their home field. According to the coach, the effort was extraordinary, but this time, the Eagle's speed caught up with PC.

"I thought BC's speed up front, really was a factor," Barto said. "They were quicker than we were defensively. I also thought they were able to contain us in our defensive end—we had a lot of trouble breaking out of our defensive end and getting any sort of attack going. I thought they were just a step quicker than us in a lot of areas. They were a very fast team."

Barto remains content with the year, and quickly pointed out the highlights.

"The UConn game, the Northeastern game, the national rankings that we had for the first two thirds of the season, and I think the camaraderie amongst the team," Barto added. "They just never gave up and said 'This isn't worth it anymore, we're struggling.' They worked hard until the final whistle blew on Saturday."



Heather Koopman was one of the senior leaders on this year's

At times, especially early on, the Providence College Field Hockey team was pointed directly at the national tournament. It was, after all, consistently ranked in the top ten in the country. In the first half of the season, the Friars were offensively solid, defensively stifling.

Then a skid crashed the party. Six games, altogether, including last Saturday's 2-0 loss to Boston College which eliminated PC from the Big East Tournament and ended the season abruptly.

"After our start, I think my expectations of the team rose. But the girls worked really hard," explained Head Coach Jackie Barto, whose club finishes the season with an admirable 10-7 mark. "When we were in that slump, they never gave up. They just kept striving to work their way out of it. It just seemed like we struggled the last quarter of our season, where as in the beginning everything was just coming and we were getting breaks and things were happening."

"Am I disappointed, no, because I think this team worked real hard, and got along very well, and were a very good field hockey team."

The Friars started off brilliantly, winning their first seven contests. They averaged 3.0 goals per game, and allowed just over one goal against.

More importantly, these wins were against teams consisting of elderly women. The winning streak included a nail-biter over a good Northeastern squad, and a 3-2 victory over eventual conference champ UConn. It was the Huskies only Big East loss of the year.

speedy Boston College. In fact trouble didn't show up into the fi-

Briefly...

** In a recent Big East Conference coaches' preseason Poll, the Friars Men's basketball team was ranked 5th in its division, tallying more points than Rutgers and Seton Hall in the Big East 7. Syracuse and Connecticut were top choices of the league's head coaches to win the 1997-98 division titles. Syracuse, had its 20th postseason appearance last season and the UConn Huskies won four of their five postseason games in '97, finishing third in the NIT last season.

** Senior field hockey captain Paula Wagoner was named First-Team All BIG EAST at the annual Big East awards banquet, last week. Wagoner also earned Big East Player of the Year with her 27 points this season.

The education major from Toledo, Ohio has been an effective part of the team in all four years at PC. Wagoner's achievements include 1994 Rookie of the Year and Second-Team Big East, and First-Team Big East in her sophomore and junior years.

** Freshman PC goaltender Boyd Ballard was named HOCKEY EAST Co-Rookie of the Week on November 10th. This native of Weyburn, Saskatchewan earned this honor by making 24 saves in a 3-0 win against Minnesota-Duluth in Duluth, Minn. on November 8th., posting his first career shutout in only his second collegiate start.

In Ballard's first start against Union College on Oct. 25, he recorded 30 saves in PC's 5-4 overtime win. Ballard now has a 2-0 record this season, with a 1.95 goals against average and a .931 save percentage.

-compiled by Kim Galipeau '99 with reports from PC Sports Info

Men's Hoop Beats All-Stars, 72-58

By CORY R. MCGANN '98
SPORTS STAFF

"Hey, that was a nice jumper by Jamel over that guy that looked like he was in twelfth grade."

"Yo man, that guy looks like Gheorge Muresan."

"Ho-hum."

"Oh, (explicative)! The game is tied!"

These are not, repeat not, actual game quotes from Wednesday night's men's basketball victory over the Around the World All Stars, 72-58. However, they could have been.

The Friars coasted through the first half of the game and much of the second before realizing that those pesky global guys seemed to be hanging around.

In fact, late in the second half they actually took a one point lead before the Black and White buckled down and put the away team behind, for good.

The run started with Llewellyn

Cole using his body to position himself with a nice leaning jumper from the left baseline. After that, PC killed them at the line, notching a victory by calmly sinking its free throws down the stretch.

Without taking ill-advised shots and looking for the best available one down th stretch, PC finished the game with all free throws except for a John Linehan layup off of his own steal. T.J. McKenzie and Linehan went 4 for 4 during that stretch while Jamel Thomas dropped in a couple to finish the game with a team high 24.

Linehan had 13, but mostly because of his 8-8 performance from the line. However, he did prove himself to be more of a scoring threat than Corey Wright. Wright was extremely impressive, with 5 assists, two turnovers, and a general court presence.

The next game is November 18 at the Civic Center against Vermont. It is PC home-opener.

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Golden Dreams

Former Friars Lead Team USA

Olympic Team Too Much for Friars

BY FRANK MILLS '98
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

It seems ever since the 1980 "Miracle on Ice," American hockey players have been fascinated with chasing Olympic gold. For most women hockey players, however, that dream has been unattainable.

Until now.

This winter's Olympics in Japan will mark the first time ever that women's hockey is an official event.

The U.S. National team is made up of our nation's best hockey talent. Much of that talent is home grown, with nine former Providence College players in the line-up. It's safe to say that PC is one of the premier women's hockey programs in the nation.

"I think we definitely have the best program in the country," commented Lady Friar's Head Coach Jackie Barto. "If you look at the program from the view of longevity, we're without a doubt the best. All of our championships and honors, our great players... there's a great sense of tradition here."

Wednesday night offered a homecoming for the nine. National Team captain Cammi Granato and teammates Stephanie O'Sullivan, Kelly O'Leary, Alana Blahoski, Chris Bailey, Lisa Brown-Miller, Vicki Movsessian, Laurie Baker, and Sara DeCosta all returned to a familiar Schneider Arena to face the old team in an exhibition match.

"It's great to be home," smiled Baker, "I love playing in this rink; it's my favorite. It felt good to walk into the building today and to remember all the good times I had here."

Baker shined for Providence the last two years, establishing herself as one of the top players in the ECAC. In her first year, the Lady Friars lost to UNH in double overtime of the ECAC finals, ending their bid for another championship title. Last year the

Lady Friars were robbed in the ECAC semi-finals against the hated Wildcats.

"I really thought we had a great team last year, I thought we could pull it off," said Baker. "That's the thing at PC, we always have contending teams. The school has such a great tradition when it comes to hockey... I guess that's what drew me here in the first place."

Baker referred to making the Olympic team as a "dream come true. It's something I've always dreamed of. It's just such a thrill to put that uniform on."

One of Baker's teammates last year was a heavily recruited freshman goaltender from Warwick, R.I. named Sara DeCosta. From her opening game, DeCosta showed the poise and incredible talent that would make her an Olympian. Coach Barto called her play "dominant" last season and she was far from wrong. In several games DeCosta

made the seemingly impossible a reality as she displayed her athletic goaltending style and unbreakable concentration to all the ECAC.

"At PC there's a sense of pride that you carry with you wherever you go," reflected DeCosta after Wednesday night's game. "When you put on that jersey, you really get a sense of the program's tradition. At practice, in games, the coaches make you give 110%."

DeCosta made the Olympic team this Summer after only a year's experience in ECAC hockey. The truth is, DeCosta could have played right of high school. Despite all the talent she showed early, DeCosta credits her year at PC as fundamental in her development.

"I learned a lot about the finer points of my game," she said. "I was able to correct mistakes and really perfect my style. I also got to see the different offenses that teams threw at me."

No player has gotten more exposure in the world of women's hockey than Cammi Granato, a 1993 PC grad. The sister of the San Jose Shark's Tony Granato, Cammi earned ECAC Player of the Year honors in each of her last three years at PC. Granato is the Lady Friars' all-time scorer and was an instrumental part of two ECAC Championship teams.

"Cammi was a dominant offensive player," commented Coach Barto. "She was just unbelievable—she had so much natural talent. She meant so much to this program. I think she grew as a player here, both on and off the ice."

"It feels awesome to come back," beamed Granato. "It really feels like home here. At PC, I learned what dedication means. It really challenged me to be a better player. Being on the ice every day and



Current Friar Captain Catherine Hanson battles with former Friar Alana Blahoski during yesterday's exhibition

Alt Patrick '00

BY FRANK MILLS '98
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Some coaches wake up screaming in the middle of night haunted by a vision of their team playing against Gretzky, Orr, and Howe, all playing for the opposition. Jackie Barto, Head Coach of the Lady Friar ice-hockey squad, has been watching a lot of late-late shows recently. Her team took on the U.S. Olympic team Wednesday night at Schneider Arena.

It wasn't even close, nor was it expected to be. The U.S. Nationals slaughtered the Lady Friars 14-0 as they wrapped up their barn-burning exhibition tour of the ECAC. Ten different Olympians lit the red light, including six former Lady Friars, leaving the PC goaltending corps shell-shocked. A former classmate of many of you readers, Sara DeCosta, backstopped the National team, making six saves in the shut-out.

"We're not expecting this to be a close one," said Coach Barto before the game. "Obviously we're not going to be able to shut down their offense. They're playing at a much higher level than us, after all, they're the U.S. Olympic team."

Team USA took on three of the top ECAC teams earlier this month, handily beating Northeastern, UNH, and Brown. "Handily beaten?" - I'm sorry, they destroyed them.

"We're just glad they put us on their schedules," commented Team USA Head Coach Ben Smith. "We get sick of playing the same teams all the time."

"I definitely feel that the ECAC is in the forefront of women's college hockey," continued Smith. "Look at all the great ECAC players on our roster. I think that by scheduling these games, the ECAC is getting the recognition it deserves."

The Lady Friars didn't look half-bad in the first period, when Team USA only put up two goals. The girls in black even killed off a penalty. After the second period, however, it became evident that this was indeed the U.S. Olympic team, not the usual college squad that normally graces Schneider Arena. The rest of the game was an un-ending highlight reel for the Olympians. Coach Barto joked before the game that if you sat behind the PC goal too long, you'd get sunburn from the red light.

Former Lady Friars Stephanie O'Sullivan and Alana Blahoski each scored two goals apiece. Cammie Granato, Lisa Brown-Miller, Vicki Movsessian, and Kelly O'Leary all added goals in their homecoming performance.

"It felt weird to walk into this building tonight, it was the first time I've been back since college," commented O'Sullivan. "It was strange sitting in the visitors' bench. I guess I felt like I was back home when I looked up and saw all those banners, knowing that I played a part in four of them."

The Lady Friars' Megan Marfione and Pilar Christopherson split time between the pipes, facing an unbelievable 63 shots on goal and combining for 34 saves. Marfione played 50 minutes for PC, making several impressive stops. The Olympians were just too good for the Lady Friars.

"If anything, I'm hoping this will be a learning experience for our players," commented Coach Barto. "They get to see the best competition in the world tonight."



Former Friar Laurie Baker moves against Jennifer Bill.

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